

# Resources for Learning More About Ancestral Surnames

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Many names changed as immigrants strove to fit in to their lives in a new land.

Understanding where your surname came from and what may have happened to it along the way should increase your overall research success. Each country or ethnic group in that country will have had their own naming history. What do you need to know to find your family?

## 1. FamilySearch

- **Wiki** <https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/> Select Country, Click on topics: Personal Names, Languages, Word List
- **Catalog** – Look for records containing name changes.
- **Books/Digital Library** – Look for surname books from various countries & cultures.  
<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/>  
**Digital FS Partner Libraries** <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/search-partners>
- **Surname Meaning & Origin** <https://www.familysearch.org/en/surname> [See Ancestry.com, My Heritage and other genealogy sites for similar features.]

## 2. A Guide to Names and Naming practices – 88 pages, links to many countries of the world

[https://www.fbiic.gov/public/2008/nov/Naming\\_practice\\_guide\\_UK\\_2006.pdf](https://www.fbiic.gov/public/2008/nov/Naming_practice_guide_UK_2006.pdf)

## 3. Behind the Name – Surnames of Many Countries <https://surnames.behindthename.com/>

Surnames by Country or Culture <https://surnames.behindthename.com/names/list>

## 4. Cultural Atlas: Click on Cultures, choose a country and select topic Naming

<https://culturalatlas.sbs.com.au/>

## 5. BYU Script Tutorials <https://script.byu.edu/> See sections on Given & Surnames. Includes: Dutch, English [Old], French, German, Italian, **Latin**, Portuguese, and Spanish. [Russian coming soon!]

## 6. Cyndi's List - Names <https://www.cyndislist.com/names/>

Cyndi's List – Surnames <https://www.cyndislist.com/names/surnames/>

## 7. Surname Distribution Map Websites often have additional information regarding surnames.

- **Forebears** <https://forebears.io/>
- **Namespedia** <https://namespedia.com/>

## 8 World Names <https://worldnames.xyz/names/> The list of available countries is extensive.

## 9. Surnam.es <https://surnam.es/>

## Name Change

### Records

- Adoption
- Court
- Marriage & Divorce
- Military
- Naturalization
- Newspapers
- Pension - a.k.a [also known as] or alias names often noted
- Passport Applications

### Resources

- **Why Did My Ancestor Change His Name?**  
<https://www.thoughtco.com/my-ancestor-changed-his-name-1422655>
- **How to Find Ancestors' Legal Name Change Records with Newspapers**  
<https://blog.genealogybank.com/how-to-find-ancestors-legal-name-change.html>
- **11 Smart Strategies For Searching For Ancestors Who Changed Their Name**  
<https://www.heritagediscovered.com/blog/11-smart-strategies-searching-ancestors-changed-name>
- **My Ancestors Changed Their Names. What Now?**  
<https://www.ancestry.com/corporate/blog/ask-ancestry-anne-my-ancestors-changed-their-names-what-now/>
- **Name Changes in the United Kingdom**  
<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/changes-of-name/>
- **New Jersey: Legal Name Changes, 1847-1947 [under Land, Probate and Court Records]**  
[https://wwwnet-dos.state.nj.us/DOS\\_ArchivesDBPortal/index.aspx](https://wwwnet-dos.state.nj.us/DOS_ArchivesDBPortal/index.aspx)
- **New York State Archives: Records of Name Changes**  
[http://www.archives.nysed.gov/research/res\\_topics\\_gen\\_naturalization\\_name](http://www.archives.nysed.gov/research/res_topics_gen_naturalization_name)
- **Use a No Name Search to Find Your Ancestor in Genealogy Records**  
<https://www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/no-surname-genealogy-search>

## One Name Surname Studies

### 1. Guild of One-Name Studies <https://one-name.org/>

Migration Maps – Ex. Bulmer <https://tng.one-name.net/analytics/migration>

Also see FamilySearch.org > SEARCH > Genealogies Guild of One-Name Studies

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/genealogies/collection/10000110>

### 2. ISOGG Surname DNA Projects [https://isogg.org/wiki/Surname\\_DNA\\_projects](https://isogg.org/wiki/Surname_DNA_projects)

3. FamilyTree DNA Group Projects *Search or browse our index of about 11,293 projects related to a surname or geographical area of interest.* <https://www.familytreedna.com/group-project-search>

## Jewish Names

### 1. Jewish Personal Names [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Jewish\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Jewish_Personal_Names)

### 2. Avotaynu Consolidated Jewish Surname Index <https://www.avotaynu.com/csi/csi-home.htm>

## Surname Resources By Location

**EUROPE – The 5 Regions** <https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Europe> The British Isles, Central Europe, Eastern Europe, Mediterranean Europe [a.k.a. Southern Europe], Scandinavia [a.k.a Northern Europe]

### 1. THE BRITISH ISLES

#### England

- Euler Diagram of the British Isles  
[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:British\\_Isles\\_Euler\\_diagram\\_15.svg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:British_Isles_Euler_diagram_15.svg)
- Behind the Names – English Names <https://surnames.behindthename.com/names/usage/english>
- The Geography of Surnames <http://geogenealogy.ca/> [English, Scottish and Irish]
- England Surname Changes  
[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/England\\_Surname\\_Changes\\_\(National\\_Institute\)](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/England_Surname_Changes_(National_Institute))
- English Surnames Meanings and Origins  
<https://www.thoughtco.com/english-surnames-meanings-and-origins-1422405>
- England Personal Names [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/England\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/England_Personal_Names)
- England Patronymic Surnames  
[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/England\\_Patronymic\\_Surnames\\_\(National\\_Institute\)](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/England_Patronymic_Surnames_(National_Institute))
- Patronymic surname [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patronymic\\_surname](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patronymic_surname)
- Patronymic <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patronymic>
- Cornish Surnames [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornish\\_surnames](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornish_surnames)
- The Oxford Dictionary of Family Names in Britain and Ireland; Oxford University Press; 2016;
- Surname Origins and Distribution  
<https://www.genguide.co.uk/source/surname-origins-and-distribution-including-scotland-and-ireland/>
- Modern British Surnames <https://one-name.org/modern-british-surnames/>
- Nominex British Surname Matching System <http://www.archersoftware.co.uk/nominex/> \$

#### Channel Islands

- Old Family Names of the Channel Islands

[https://www.theislandwiki.org/index.php/Old\\_family\\_names\\_of\\_the\\_Channel\\_Islands](https://www.theislandwiki.org/index.php/Old_family_names_of_the_Channel_Islands)

#### Guernsey

- Guernsey Personal Names [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Guernsey\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Guernsey_Personal_Names)
- Guernsey Surnames [https://www.theislandwiki.org/index.php/Guernsey\\_Surnames](https://www.theislandwiki.org/index.php/Guernsey_Surnames)

#### Jersey

- Jersey Personal Names [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Jersey\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Jersey_Personal_Names)
- Comprehensive list of Jersey surnames  
[https://www.theislandwiki.org/index.php/Comprehensive\\_list\\_of\\_Jersey\\_surnames](https://www.theislandwiki.org/index.php/Comprehensive_list_of_Jersey_surnames)
- Derivation of Jersey Surnames [https://www.theislandwiki.org/index.php/Derivation\\_of\\_Jersey\\_Surnames](https://www.theislandwiki.org/index.php/Derivation_of_Jersey_Surnames)
- Jersey names of French origin [https://www.theislandwiki.org/index.php/Jersey\\_names\\_of\\_French\\_origin](https://www.theislandwiki.org/index.php/Jersey_names_of_French_origin)

**Ireland & Northern Ireland** – The Republic of Ireland, founded 1922, an independent country.

[Note that Northern Ireland is part of the U.K., formed 1921.]

- **Ireland Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Ireland\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Ireland_Personal_Names)
- **Latin Names in English** <https://www.from-ireland.net/irish-names/latin-names-in-english/>
- **Irish Name** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irish\\_name](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irish_name)
- **Varieties and synonymes of surnames and Christian names in Ireland: for the guidance of registration officers and the public in searching the indexes of births, deaths, and marriages**, Robert E. Matheson, 1926; Available online -<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/65147-redirect>
- **A History of Irish Surnames: Is Yours Here?**  
<https://blogs.ancestry.com/cm/history-of-irish-surnames-is-yours-here/>

### **Isle Of Man**

- **ISLE OF MAN Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Isle\\_of\\_Man\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Isle_of_Man_Personal_Names)
- **Manx Names: Or, the Surnames and Place Names of the Isle of Man** - Download PDF or EPUB at Google Books link: [https://books.google.com/books/about/Manx\\_Names.html?id=FvsEAAAAIAAJ](https://books.google.com/books/about/Manx_Names.html?id=FvsEAAAAIAAJ)

### **Scotland**

- **Scotland Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Scotland\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Scotland_Personal_Names)
- **ScotlandsPeople** <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/research-guides/surnames>
- **The surnames of Scotland : their origin, meaning, and history ... download or read at Hathi Trust**  
<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015011274175&view=1up&seq=20&skin=2021>
- **Scottish Last Names** <https://www.familyeducation.com/baby-names/surname/origin/Scottish>
- **Scottish Surnames Meanings & Origins**  
<https://www.thoughtco.com/scottish-surnames-meanings-and-origins-1422406>

### **Wales**

- **Wales Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Wales\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Wales_Personal_Names)
- **Welsh Naming Patterns**  
[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/img\\_auth.php/1/17/Welsh\\_Naming\\_Patterns\\_Handout.pdf](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/img_auth.php/1/17/Welsh_Naming_Patterns_Handout.pdf)
- **Patronymic Paranoia by Dafydd Hayes** <http://www.clwydfhs.org.uk/helachau/patronymics.htm>
- **Welsh Surnames: Why are there so many Jones in Wales?**  
<https://museum.wales/articles/1220/Cyfenwau-Cymraeg-Pam-mae-cymaint-o-Jonesiaid-yng-Nghymru/>
- **Welsh Surnames** <https://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/distributed/W/bo27372778.html> Book
- **The Surnames of Wales for Family Historians and Others**; John Rowlands; Sheila Rowlands  
[https://books.google.com/books/about/The\\_Surnames\\_of\\_Wales.html?id=IJK0oQEACAAJ](https://books.google.com/books/about/The_Surnames_of_Wales.html?id=IJK0oQEACAAJ)

## **2. CENTRAL EUROPE**

**AUSTRIA Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Austria\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Austria_Personal_Names)

**BELGIUM [Languages = Flemish, Dutch, French, German & Limburgish]**

- **Belgium Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Belgium\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Belgium_Personal_Names)
- **Languages of Belgium** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Languages\\_of\\_Belgium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Languages_of_Belgium)
- **Taalverhalen – Names in the Netherlands & Belgium**  
<https://taalverhalen.be/over-namen/websites-namen/>

Surnames & FamilyNames Resources <https://taalverhalen.be/over-namen/familienamen/>

Websites About Names <https://taalverhalen.be/over-namen/websites-namen/>

➤ **Woordenboek van de familienamen in België en Noord-Frankrijk (Dictionary of Surnames in Belgium and Northern France)**

➤ **Geneanet- Belgian Surnames by Region** <https://en.geneanet.org/country/search-Belgium-BEL> Be sure to use the Resources Tab for help with surnames. Also search by Region in Belgium.

- Find the origin of a last name <https://en.geneanet.org/surnames/>
- Search by Country <https://en.geneanet.org/country/>
- Do You Know How to Find the Frequency of a Surname on Geneanet?

<https://en.geneanet.org/genealogyblog/post/2021/07/do-you-know-how-to-view-the-frequency-of-last-names-on-geneanet>

## CZECHIA - Czech Republic

➤ **Czechia Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Czechia\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Czechia_Personal_Names)

➤ **Czech name** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Czech\\_name](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Czech_name)

➤ **Czech Genealogy for Beginners – Czech Surnames –Origins** [see additional links –bottom of page]  
<http://czechgenealogy.nase-koreny.cz/2012/09/czech-surnames-origins.html>

## GERMANY:

➤ **Germany Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Germany\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Germany_Personal_Names)

➤ **German Last Names** <https://www.familyeducation.com/baby-names/surname/origin/german>

➤ **Internal Dialectical Clues in German Surnames** <http://www.mstonegenealogy.org/dialectical.html>

➤ **What Does Your German Last Name Mean?**

<https://www.thoughtco.com/german-surnames-meanings-and-origins-1420789>

➤ **German/Grammar/Alphabet and Pronunciation**

[https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/German/Grammar/Alphabet\\_and\\_Pronunciation](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/German/Grammar/Alphabet_and_Pronunciation)

➤ **German Genealogical Word List**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/German\\_Genealogical\\_Word\\_List](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/German_Genealogical_Word_List)

➤ **The Dialect Basis of Spelling Variation in German Surnames - Book**

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/The\\_Dialect\\_Basis\\_of\\_Spelling\\_Variation\\_in\\_German\\_Surnames](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/The_Dialect_Basis_of_Spelling_Variation_in_German_Surnames)

➤ **German American Names: A Practical Guide, Kenneth L. Smith - Book**

<https://www.masthof.com/products/german-names-a-practical-guide>

➤ **Dictionary of German Names; Hans Bahlow** <https://uwpres.wisc.edu/books/3262.htm>

## HUNGARY

➤ **Hungary Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Hungary\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Hungary_Personal_Names)

➤ **Hungarian names** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hungarian\\_names](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hungarian_names) [Eastern Name order – Last first]

➤ **Hungarian Names 101** <http://heraldry.sca.org/names/magyarnames1012.html>

➤ **Your Guide to Researching Hungarian Ancestors** <http://www.barbsnow.net/Hungary.htm> See NAMES

## ITALY

- **Our Italian Surnames**, Joseph G. Fucilla  
[https://books.google.com/books/about/Our\\_Italian\\_Surnames.html?id=Qmg6DfzFP9cC](https://books.google.com/books/about/Our_Italian_Surnames.html?id=Qmg6DfzFP9cC)
- **Italy Heritage: Italian Surnames** <https://www.italyheritage.com/genealogy/surnames/>
- **Italian Surnames** <https://genealogy.lovetoknow.com/genealogy-research/italian-surnames>
- **Italian Genealogy Online: Italian Names in Italy**  
<http://geocities.ws/paulanigro/italian-genealogy-online/italynames.html>

**LIECHTENSTEIN Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Liechtenstein\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Liechtenstein_Personal_Names)

## LUXEMBOURG [3 official languages = French, German, and the national language of Luxembourgish]

- **Luxembourg Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Luxembourg\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Luxembourg_Personal_Names)
- **Dictionnaire des noms de famille en Belgique romane: et dans les regions limitrophes (Flanders, France du Nord, Luxembourg)**, Jules Herbillon; Bruxelles: Credit communal. C1996;
- **Luxembourger Familienbuch**; Berlin: De Gruyter. 2016;

## NETHERLANDS

- **Netherlands - Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Netherlands\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Netherlands_Personal_Names)
- **Behind the Names:**
  - Dutch Surnames <https://surnames.behindthename.com/names/usage/dutch>
  - Behind the Names – Dutch Given Names <https://www.behindthename.com/names/usage/dutch>
- **Dutch Family Name Bank** <https://www.meertens.knaw.nl/nfb/index.php?taal=eng> This site does have surname mapping capabilities but it also has a lot of information about the surnames as well.
- **Dutch Last Names** <https://www.familyeducation.com/baby-names/surname/origin/dutch>
- **Names and Onomastics in the Netherlands and elsewhere** <https://www.meertens.knaw.nl/nnn/>
- **Netherlands Names, Geographical - Farm Names**  
[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Netherlands\\_Names\\_Geographical](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Netherlands_Names_Geographical)
- **Taalverhalen – Names in the Netherlands & Belgium**  
<https://taalverhalen.be/over-namen/websites-namen/>
  - Surnames & FamilyNames Resources <https://taalverhalen.be/over-namen/familienamen/>
  - Websites About Names <https://taalverhalen.be/over-namen/websites-namen/>
- **Windmills, Tulips, and Wooden Shoes: A Guide to Dutch Surnames**  
<https://www.legacytrees.com/blog/dutch-surnames>
- **Woordenboek van de familienamen in Zeeland, (Dictionary of Surnames for the Netherlands);**  
Dr. Frans J. A. Debrabandere 444 pages. Online.  
<http://www.naamkunde.net/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/WZF-Debrabandere.pdf>

## POLAND

- **Poland Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Poland\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Poland_Personal_Names)
- **Polish Surnames** <https://nazwiska-polskie.pl/>
  - Language instructions <https://www.jri-poland.org/blog/slownik-nazwisk-online>
- **Polish names** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polish\\_names](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polish_names)
- **Research – Surname Distribution** <https://pgsa.org/research-surname-distribution/>

- **Rymut Surname Distribution**, Kraków 1992; alphabetical list in 10 volumes , Available online at FS Books - <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/>
- **Polish Genealogical Society of America** <https://pgsa.org/research-surname-distribution/>
- **Basic Polish Surname Endings**  
<https://feefhs.org/sites/default/files/guide/Basic%20Explanation%20of%20Polish%20Surname%20Endings.pdf>
- **Jewish Records Indexing – Poland** [https://www.jewishgen.org/maps/jrimap\\_s2.asp](https://www.jewishgen.org/maps/jrimap_s2.asp)

#### SLOVAKIA

- **Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Slovakia\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Slovakia_Personal_Names)
- **Slovak Surname Location Reference Project** <https://feefhs.org/resource/slovakia-surnames>

**SLOVENIA Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Slovenia\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Slovenia_Personal_Names)

#### SWITZERLAND

- **Switzerland Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Switzerland\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Switzerland_Personal_Names)
- **Register of Swiss Surnames** <https://hls-dhs-dss.ch/famn/?lg=e>
- **Given Names in Swiss Records (1525-1850)**  
[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Given\\_Names\\_in\\_Swiss\\_Records\\_\(1525-1850\)](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Given_Names_in_Swiss_Records_(1525-1850))
- **Anabaptist – Mennonite names in Switzerland**  
<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/496220-redirection>

### 3. EASTERN EUROPE

**ALBANIA Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Albania\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Albania_Personal_Names)

#### ARMENIA

- **Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Armenia\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Armenia_Personal_Names)
- **FEEFHS: Armenia Genealogy Links – Names** <https://feefhs.org/index.php/resource/armenia>

**AZERBAIJAN Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Azerbaijan\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Azerbaijan_Personal_Names)

**BELARUS Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Belarus\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Belarus_Personal_Names)

#### BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA Personal Names

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Bosnia\\_and\\_Herzegovina\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Bosnia_and_Herzegovina_Personal_Names)

#### BULGARIA

- **Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Bulgaria\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Bulgaria_Personal_Names)
- **Bulgarian Names – Naming Patterns**  
<http://www.bulgaria.com/2012/03/12/%D0%BD%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B8%D0%BD%D0%B8/bulgarian-naming-patterns/>
- **Bulgarian name** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bulgarian\\_name](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bulgarian_name)
- **Bulgarian Names and Naming Customs**  
<https://blazingbulgaria.wordpress.com/2012/05/26/bulgarian-names/>
- **The Bulgarian Names system and their Meanings**  
<https://www.foreigner.bg/the-bulgarian-names-system-and-their-meanings/>

## CROATIA

- Croatia Personal Names [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Croatia\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Croatia_Personal_Names)
- Acta Croatica <https://actacroatica.com/en/search?surname=True>

ESTONIA Personal Names [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Estonia\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Estonia_Personal_Names)

GEORGIA - Georgian Name [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georgian\\_name](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georgian_name)

KOSOVO Personal Names [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Kosovo\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Kosovo_Personal_Names)

## LATVIA

- Latvia Personal Names [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Latvia\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Latvia_Personal_Names)
- Latvian Surname Project [http://www.celmina.com/surnames/index.php?title=Main\\_Page](http://www.celmina.com/surnames/index.php?title=Main_Page)

LITHUANIA Personal Names [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Lithuania\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Lithuania_Personal_Names)

MONTENEGRO Personal Names [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Montenegro\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Montenegro_Personal_Names)

## NORTH MACEDONIA Personal Names

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/North\\_Macedonia\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/North_Macedonia_Personal_Names)

ROMANIA Personal Names [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Romania\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Romania_Personal_Names)

## RUSSIA

- A Dictionary of Period Russian Names <https://heraldry.sca.org/names/paul/>
- Paul Goldschmidt's Dictionary of Russian Names - Grammar  
<http://heraldry.sca.org/names/paul/zgrammar.html>
- Russia Personal Names [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Russia\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Russia_Personal_Names)
- Russian Culture: Naming <https://culturalatlas.sbs.com.au/russian-culture/russian-culture-naming>
- Doukhobor Names and Practices <https://doukhobor.org/doukhobor-names/> [Many went to Canada]

SERBIA Personal Names [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Serbia\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Serbia_Personal_Names)

UKRAINE Personal Names [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Ukraine\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Ukraine_Personal_Names)

Eastern Slavic Naming Customs [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern\\_Slavic\\_naming\\_customs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eastern_Slavic_naming_customs)

includes: Belarusian, Russian, and Ukrainian names

**FEEFHS: Foundation for East European Family History Studies** – Has resources for every East European Country & others as well <https://feefhs.org/resource>

## 4. MEDITERRANEAN EUROPE OR SOUTHERN EUROPE

### ANDORRA

- Andorran Surnames <https://surnam.es/andorra>



- **Names & Surname in Andorra** <https://worldnames.xyz/names/in-andorra/>
- **See also Forbears**

**CYPRUS Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Cyprus\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Cyprus_Personal_Names)

#### FRANCE

- **France Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/France\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/France_Personal_Names)  
[Includes: Regional or ethnic surnames such as Basque, Breton, Corsican and Occitan]
- **French Name** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French\\_name#Given\\_names](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_name#Given_names)
- **Oh Those Dit Names!** [https://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy\\_news/2016/01/oh-those-dit-names-.html](https://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy_news/2016/01/oh-those-dit-names-.html)
- **What Is a Dit Name?** <https://www.thoughtco.com/what-is-a-dit-name-3972358>
- **French Surname Meanings and Origins**  
<https://www.thoughtco.com/french-surname-meanings-and-origins-1420788>
- **Dictionnaire des changements de noms de 1803–1956"**  
(Dictionary of changed names from 1803 to 1956). Paris: Librairie Francaise, 1974.

#### GREECE

- **Lexicon of Greek Personal Names** <http://www.lgpn.ox.ac.uk/>
- **Greece Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Greece\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Greece_Personal_Names)

#### ITALY

- **Italy Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Italy\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Italy_Personal_Names)
- **BYU Script Tutorial – Italian Surnames**  
[https://script.byu.edu/Pages/the-italian-documents/it-italian-surnames\(english\)](https://script.byu.edu/Pages/the-italian-documents/it-italian-surnames(english))
- **Ganino – Italian Surnames** [http://www.ganino.com/cognomi\\_italiani](http://www.ganino.com/cognomi_italiani)
- **Italian Last Names: Their Meaning, Origin, and Significance**  
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/my-italian-last-name>
- **Italian Genealogy Online: Italian Names in Italy**  
<http://geocities.ws/paulanigro/italian-genealogy-online/italynames.html#distribution-stats>
- **Italian Surname Meanings and Origins**  
<https://www.thoughtco.com/italian-surname-meanings-and-origins-1420791>
- **The Meaning and Origins of Italian Last Names**  
<https://www.thoughtco.com/the-meaning-and-origins-of-italian-last-names-2011519>
- **Pronouncing Italian Last Names** <https://www.thoughtco.com/pronouncing-italian-last-names-2011634>
- **Cognomi in italia** <http://italia.indettaglio.it/ita/cognomi/cognomi.html> Surnames by Province.

**MALTA Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Malta\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Malta_Personal_Names)

#### PORTUGAL

- **Portugal Personal Names** [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Portugal\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Portugal_Personal_Names)
- **Portuguese Name** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese\\_name](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese_name)
- **Behind the Name – Portuguese Surnames**  
<https://surnames.behindthename.com/names/usage/portuguese>

**SAN MARINO -- See Italy Personal Names**

## SPAIN

- Languages of Spain [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Languages\\_of\\_Spain#/media/File:Iberia\\_languages.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Languages_of_Spain#/media/File:Iberia_languages.jpg)
- Spanish naming customs [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish\\_naming\\_customs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spanish_naming_customs)
- Spain Names & Surnames <https://www.ine.es/widgets/nombApell/index.shtml>
- Spain Personal Names [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Spain\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Spain_Personal_Names)
- Instituto Nacional de Estadística <https://www.ine.es/apellidos/formGeneral.do?vista=3>

## 5. SCANDNAVIA OR NORTHERN EUROPE

Nordic Names [https://www.nordicnames.de/wiki/Main\\_Page](https://www.nordicnames.de/wiki/Main_Page)

Nordic Names: Surnames <https://www.nordicnames.de/wiki/Surnames>

**SAMI – Indigenous people of Northern Norway, Sweden and Finland Plus the Kola Peninsula of Russia [Also known as Saami, Lapp or Laplanders ]**

- Sami Surnames [https://www.nordicnames.de/wiki/Sami\\_Surnames](https://www.nordicnames.de/wiki/Sami_Surnames)

## DENMARK [Faroe Islands , Greenland, Iceland]

- Denmark Personal Names [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Denmark\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Denmark_Personal_Names)
- Understanding Danish Names <https://www.genealogistkottal.com/blog/understanding-danish-names/>
- Is the Danish surname I'm researching correct? [see below for related articles.]  
<https://familytreemagazine.com/names/surnames/danish-surnames-now-what/>

## FINLAND

- Finland Personal Names [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Finland\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Finland_Personal_Names)
- Nordic Given Names [Danish, Faroese, Finnish, Greenlandic, Icelandic, Norwegian, Sami & Swedish]  
[https://www.nordicnames.de/wiki/Main\\_Page](https://www.nordicnames.de/wiki/Main_Page)
- Nordic Surnames [Danish, Faroese, Finnish, Greenlandic, Icelandic, Norwegian, Sami & Swedish]  
<https://www.nordicnames.de/wiki/Surnames>
- Finnish Names <https://www.behindthename.com/names/usage/finnish>
- Finnish Name [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Finnish\\_name](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Finnish_name)
- Finnish surnames: A guide to Finnish last names  
<https://scandification.com/finnish-surnames-finnish-last-names/>

ICELAND Personal Names [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Iceland\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Iceland_Personal_Names)

## NORWAY [Including Jan Mayen and Svalbard]

- Norway Personal Names [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Norway\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Norway_Personal_Names)
- Those Norwegian names, tips for the "online" researcher  
<http://www.norwayheritage.com/norwegian-names.htm>
- Norwegian Names <http://arvegods.blogspot.com/2012/02/norwegian-names.html>

## SWEDEN

- Sweden Personal Names [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Sweden\\_Personal\\_Names](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Sweden_Personal_Names)
- Swedish naming practices in earlier times, surnames  
<http://www.hhogman.se/naming-practice-sweden.htm>

➤ **Swedish Naming Customs – video**

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/help/helpcenter/lessons/swedish-naming-customs>

Handout [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/img\\_auth.php/8/89/Swedish\\_Naming\\_Customs.pdf](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/img_auth.php/8/89/Swedish_Naming_Customs.pdf)

➤ **The Unique Names of Swedish Soldiers**

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/the-unique-names-of-swedish-soldiers>

➤ **Soldiers' Surnames in Sweden**

<https://digitalcommons.augustana.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1578&context=swensonsag>

➤ **Swedish soldier names** [https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:Swedish\\_soldier\\_names](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:Swedish_soldier_names)

**BONUS:**

- **Surname Research: Your Complete Guide** [Good advice plus links to many additional resources.]  
<https://familytreemagazine.com/names/surnames/surname-research-guide/>
- **How to Find The Origin Of Your Last Name**  
<https://www.wikihow.com/Find-The-Origin-Of-Your-Last-Name>
- **How to research a surname**  
<https://www.family-tree.co.uk/getting-started/getting-started/how-to-research-a-surname/>
- **Common Surnames Strategies for the Frustrated Researcher**  
<https://familytreemagazine.com/names/surnames/how-to-research-common-surnames/>