

Dictionary Of Rare Uncommon Surprising English Surnames Part Two

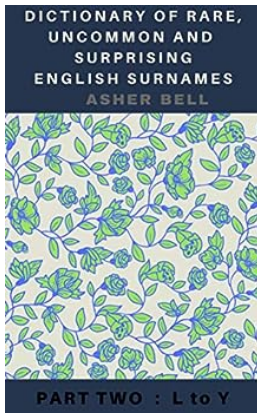
Welcome to the exciting world of rare and uncommon English surnames! In this second part of our dictionary series, we will delve deeper into the fascinating histories and meanings behind these captivating names. Prepare to be surprised and intrigued as we uncover some of the most uncommon and unexpected surnames in the English language.

1. Pendleton



The surname Pendleton, derived from the Old English "Pen" meaning "hill" and "dun" meaning "settlement," conjures images of a serene countryside dotted with elevated settlements. It may have been used to describe dwellers of hillside communities or individuals residing near a prominent hilltop.

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2. Stirling



Stirling is a surname with Scottish origins, often associated with the town of Stirling, located on the banks of the River Forth. It is believed to have originated

as a locational surname, denoting individuals who hailed from or resided near the town. In addition, Stirling Castle, a historically significant fortress, adds further allure to this unique surname.

3. Lovelace



The surname Lovelace exudes charm and elegance. Derived from the Old English word "luf læs" meaning "love merrily," it is a name that invokes romantic

connotations. Lovelace may have originally been bestowed upon individuals who exemplified great love and joy in their lives. Interestingly, this surname gained further prominence thanks to the renowned 17th-century mathematician and philosopher Ada Lovelace.

4. Hawthorne



The surname Hawthorne evokes images of lush, blossoming meadows and fragrant floral delights. Derived from the Old English "hagathorn," meaning "hedge thorn," this surname likely referred to individuals living near or interacting with hawthorn bushes or hedges, which are known for their vibrant flowers and protective qualities.

5. Ravenscroft



The surname Ravenscroft carries an air of mystery and intrigue. Stemming from the Old English word "hroefenscrofte," meaning "cave of the ravens," it creates an image of a secluded dwelling where ravens roost. This surname may have been given to individuals living in or near such atmospheric locations, adding an enigmatic allure to their lineage.

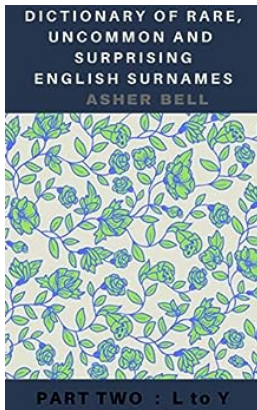
6. Lockhart



Lockhart exemplifies strength and security. Stemming from the Old English "loc" meaning "enclosed place" and "heort" meaning "hart" or "deer," this intriguing surname alludes to a protected deer park. Traditionally, it was associated with individuals responsible for maintaining and hunting in such estates, hinting at a connection to nobility and gamekeeping.

These are just a few examples of the captivating surnames that grace the English language. Each name carries a unique story and significance, adding to the rich tapestry of human history. Exploring the origins and meanings of these rare and uncommon surnames allows us to connect with the past and gain a deeper appreciation for the diverse roots that have shaped our identities.

So, the next time you come across an unusual surname, take a moment to imagine the tales it holds and the generations it represents. These fascinating names serve as reminders of our shared heritage and the remarkable journey of humanity.



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All listings have been assessed as new information and sources available. (Allied to research undertaken)

ORDINARY ENGLISH SURNAMES WILL NOT BE FOUND .

Instead rare, uncommon and unusual family names are explained.

Together with providing information and notes on complicated examples.

Some of these surname has been misunderstood in the past.

A chance now to provide accurate details.

Here are a few examples of the family names found within.

SURNAMES DERIVED FROM MEDIEVAL OCCUPATIONS

~ Lavender, Leader, Limmer, Locker, Lower and Lusher .

SURNAMES DERIVED FROM PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

~ Maliphant, Mauvoisant, Mayell, Meager and Merriman.

SURNAMES DERIVED FROM PLACE NAMES

~ Martindale, Massingham, Maxey, Minskip and Minty.

MISUNDERSTOOD SURNAMES

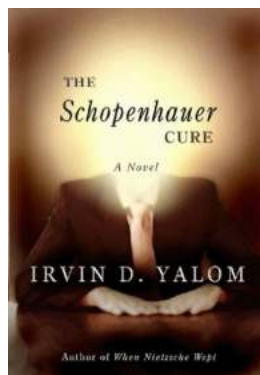
~ Offer, Oddie, Oldknown, Olley, Ottey and Over.

UNUSUAL SURNAMES

~ Paddock, Pallet, Paradise, Parfait, Pash and Peel.

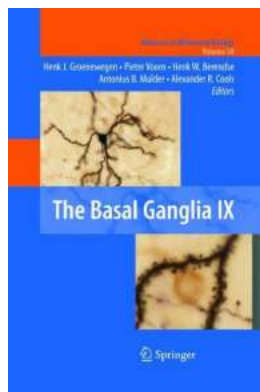
BEAUTIFUL SURNAMES

~ Quail, Rainbird, Rainbow, Ransome and Raven.



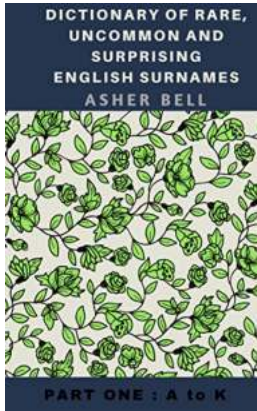
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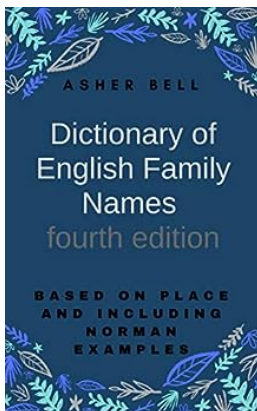
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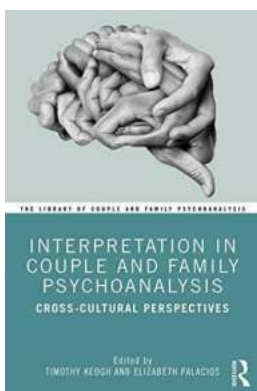
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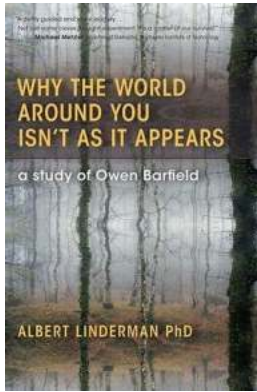
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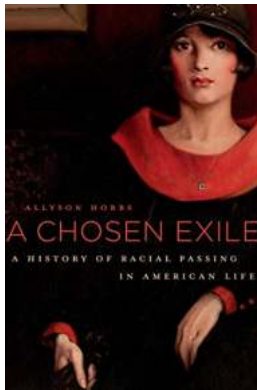
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