

English Language Evidence Tables

A Companion Table Set For Early Modern English Variant Spellings

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It is important to note here that spelling in English has always had loose rules based on sounds and has never been truly random. English during the SCA period could not agree on what letters represented which sounds, and hence spelling was not standard. In addition, many sounds were shifting as the language started to head towards standardization. When determining any variant spelling, it is important to determine what sound is being represented and what letters made that sound. That is what these tables are intended to help with. Names represented in these tables are given names unless they are marked [S] for surname.

At this time, these tables focus on Early Modern English. Data for Middle English and Old English would be very welcome, but probably ought to be in separate sets of similar tables. Throughout these tables we refer to words in Modern English. This is to differentiate them from their Early Modern English counterparts.

Many of these names refer to the acronym DMNES. This is the [Dictionary of Medieval Names from European Sources](#). This dictionary contains hundreds of entries and is a fantastic resource for given names throughout Europe during the medieval period.

Additionally, we use the acronym IPA. This refers to the [International Phonetic Association](#) and the alphabet of symbols that it releases. The last version of this alphabet was released in 2015. Illustrations of these sounds in a wide variety of languages are available for free, with audio examples, at [Illustrations of the IPA article collection](#), while a chart of the current alphabet can be found at [THE INTERNATIONAL PHONETIC ALPHABET \(revised to 2015\)](#). The pronunciation of Modern English words used as examples in these tables for various sounds relies on the IPA 'General American' standard except where otherwise noted.

As much as could be done, we verified that the surnames used throughout these tables were of the same etymology using [The Oxford Dictionary of Family Names in Britain and Ireland](#) [HCM]. See: Hanks, Patrick, Richard Coates, and Peter McClure. *The Oxford Dictionary of Family Names in Britain and Ireland*. : Oxford University Press, 2016. Oxford Reference. Date Accessed 26 Jun. 2025 <[Oxford Dictionary of Family Names in Britain and Ireland](#)>. A subscription may be required to view this online resource. We also used the [Oxford English Dictionary](#) [OED] and the [Middle English Dictionary](#) [MED] to verify word etymology where surname information was not available in HCM. A subscription may be required to view the OED online.

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Vowels

During the period of time these tables cover, vowels were right in the middle of the [Great Vowel Shift](#). Evidence of this shift can be seen in the tables below. For further information on this shift, see [The Great Vowel Shift | Harvard's Geoffrey Chaucer Website](#), and Giancarlo, Matthew. "The Rise and Fall of the Great Vowel Shift? The Changing Ideological Intersections of Philology, Historical Linguistics, and Literary

History.” *Representations*, vol. 76, no. 1, 2001, pp. 27–60. *JSTOR*, <https://doi.org/10.1525/rep.2001.76.1.27>. Accessed 6 July 2025. A subscription may be required to view the online resource at JSTOR.

A: the sounds /e/ and /æ/

Long a is represented in IPA by the symbol /e/ and in the Modern English words pay, take, and straight. In Modern English, long a is often represented by the diphthong /eɪ/ rather than a pure /e/ sound. Compare the sounds of the Modern Italian word se /se/ ‘if’ and the Modern English word say /seɪ/.

In Early Modern English, the same was starting to hold true. Evidence of the shift in this direction can be seen in the tables below by the number of vowel clusters used to represent this sound.

Short a is represented by the IPA symbol /æ/ and in the Modern English words hat, mad and tap. We have not yet found any names where this sound is represented by any other letter than the letter a.

Initial and Mid-Name - A, AE, AI, AY

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|------------------|---------|------|--|
| Amy | Amy | 1545 | DMNES s.n. Amy, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Amy |
| | Aemy | 1585 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJ1P-13R?lang=en , batch M02215-1 |
| | Aimy | 1594 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVF4-3HW?lang=en , batch M14846-1 |
| | Aymy | 1578 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N59N-XJK?lang=en , batch C04499-1 |
| Johanna/ Jane | Jan | 1569 | DMNES s.n. Joan, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Joan |
| | Jaen | 1571 | DMNES s.n. Joan, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Joan |
| | Jain | 1578 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:CX9X-RRPZ?lang=en , batch M03253-2 |
| | Jayn | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Joan, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Joan |
| Mabel | Mabell | 1557 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8R3-48C?lang=en , batch B00461-3 |
| | Maibell | 1594 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JWCL-FWT?lang=en , batch C03369-2 |
| | Maybell | 1598 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JZ8L-33Y?lang=en , batch B05025-3 |
| Mary | Mare | 1563 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8TK-F6B?lang=en , batch B00391-6 |
| | Maere | 1645 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLSL-36L?lang=en , batch M07268-2 |
| | Mayre | 1562 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV54-Q9K?lang=en , batch M03035-2 |
| Ralph/Rafe | Rafe | 1555 | DMNES s.n. Ralph, England, Early Modern England, https://dmnes.org/name/Ralph |
| | Raefe | 1645 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N27J-M8Z?lang=en , batch M00429-1 |
| | Raife | 1570 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLZR-FPX?lang=en , batch M00078-1 |
| | Rayfe | 1564 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NX7Y-QBH?lang=en , batch M03168-3 |

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| Raven | Raven | 1569 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVPK-1ZC?lang=en , batch M04193-1 |
| | Raeven | 1649 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JQXB-C8Y?lang=en , batch C13037-2 |
| | Rayven [S] | 1579 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2L7-88J?lang=en , batch M00301-1 |
| Raymond | Ramond | 1567 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JM51-DP2?lang=en , batch P01344-1 |
| | Raimond | 1576 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J36Q-CWG?lang=en , batch C05104-1 |
| | Raymond | 1598 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLML-43N?lang=en , batch M06325-2 |
| Sale [S] | Sale | 1599 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLVT-NJ2?lang=en , batch B02850-2 |
| | Saile | 1588 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVDS-22D?lang=en , batch M10650-3 |
| | Sayle | 1590 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NRX5-JJY?lang=en , batch B02101-5 |
| Sayer [S] | Sare ¹ | 1564 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JZMS-Z4H?lang=en , batch B03595-0 |
| | Saer | 1599 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JC98-BZX?lang=en , batch B00047-7 |
| | Sair | 1592 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKF1-LBW?lang=en , batch M13967-1 |
| | Sayr | 1588 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JQLB-TFD?lang=en , batch C02234-2 |

Terminal - AE, AI, AY, EY, AIE, AYE, EYE

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|---------|--------|------|--|
| Day [S] | Dae | 1565 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKXJ-XWY?lang=en , batch C09865-2 |
| | Dai | 1576 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N264-58D?lang=en , batch M15056-1 |
| | Day | 1587 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV5F-BZD?lang=en , batch M03086-2 |
| | Dey | 1564 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKS5-RTB?lang=en , batch M04019-2 |
| | Daie | 1570 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2HQ-KQV?lang=en , batch M05246-1 |
| | Daye | 1572 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JC7S-QNL?lang=en , batch B02766-3 |
| | Deye | 1578 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJLF-J4D?lang=en , batch M00077-7 |
| May [S] | Mae | 1569 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NL96-T3F?lang=en , batch M05390-2 |
| | Mai | 1598 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLMR-3QX?lang=en , batch M06302-2 |
| | May | 1576 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JZ87-T4Z?lang=en , batch B04730-9 |
| | Mey | 1583 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N681-53T?lang=en , batch M01464-2 |

¹ Note that here the terminal e is indicating that the a vowel is /e/ rather than /æ/. See HCM s.n. Sayer for this variant spelling.

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| | Maie | 1595 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2VJ-FBS?lang=en , batch M05051-1 |
| | Maye | 1572 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J85T-QX8?lang=en , batch B39474-9 |
| | Meye | 1585 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N6DM-S22?lang=en , batch M01464-2 |
| Ray [S] | Rae | 1592 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NXDC-HYB?lang=en , batch M16648-1 |
| | Ray | 1558 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JCQ9-JZS?lang=en , batch B00037-8 |
| | Rey | 1582 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2T8-PLV?lang=en , batch M07364-1 |
| | Raie | 1587 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8TS-VYQ?lang=en , batch B16225-1 |
| | Raye | 1579 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8RJ-C4Q?lang=en , batch B02943-3 |
| | Reye | 1577 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NGRP-SBQ?lang=en , batch C03265-2 |
| Way [S] | Way | 1592 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLST-FQT?lang=en , batch M07290-2 |
| | Wey | 1564 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N25F-YLZ?lang=en , batch M05074-1 |
| | Waie | 1539 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N252-8QB?lang=en , batch M05066-1 |
| | Waye | 1552 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2QL-WLS?lang=en , batch M00185-1 |
| | Weye | 1564 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLHZ-LQT?lang=en , batch M00158-1 |

This sound is sometimes found written with the letter combinations *aigh* and *eigh*, as in the surname *Way*. However, these letter combinations can also represent the sound /i/, as in the surname *Leigh*. As knowing what sound these letters make depends on knowing the etymology of the individual names in which they appear, we have not included either combination of letters as a universal spelling variant for either sound.

E: the sound /i/

Long e, represented in IPA as /i/ and in Modern English the words *meet*, *seam*, *be* and *happy*, was represented by different groups of letters depending on where it was found in the name. Long e often precedes another vowel naturally at the start or in the middle of a name. For this reason, we are not confident saying that all the vowel clusters seen in the terminal spot apply to these other two sound positions at this time.

Initial - E, I, Y, EA

We currently have a single example of a name where an initial long e sound is represented by the letter combination *ee*, *Edie*. This is not enough data to make a determination that it is a universal way this sound was written.

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|------------|--------|------|--|
| Easton [S] | Eston | 1562 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8R8-323?lang=en , batch B01191-4 |
| | Iston | 1564 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JHB8-NXJ?lang=en , batch B05335-3 |
| | Easton | 1586 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JZHW-HTT?lang=en , batch B03802-3 |

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| | Yston | 1589 |  1589 William Yston Shropshire.jpg , https://findmypast.co.uk |
| Edith/Edie | Edye | 1599 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NRX4-W49?lang=en , batch B02101-3 |
| | Idye | 1573 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLT2-KX2?lang=en , batch C02657-2 |
| | Ydye | 1585 | DMNES s.n. Edith, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Edith |
| | Eadye | 1587 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLF2-S9Q?lang=en , batch C02160-2 |
| | Eedye | 1579 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JQV1-241?lang=en , batch C10943-3 |
| Eveson [S] | Eveson | 1578 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JCMP-RMN?lang=en , batch B03148-3 |
| | Iveson | 1568 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVBH-B4S?lang=en , batch M00769-1 |
| | Yveson | 1578 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JC9D-G45?lang=en , batch B00047-6 |
| | Eaveson | 1599 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JCDD-Y4H?lang=en , batch B02432-6 |

Mid-Name - E, I, Y

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|------------|------------|------|--|
| Adrian | Adrean | 1594 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2GL-68N?lang=en , batch M06306-2 |
| | Adrian | 1563 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NRXH-BYM?lang=en , batch B02191-3 |
| | Adryan | 1572 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NRX6-T6L?lang=en , batch B02101-4 |
| Christiane | Christeane | 1584 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NL8F-6ZY?lang=en , batch M05914-2 |
| | Christiane | 1557 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKHW-VQ6?lang=en , batch M14500-1 |
| | Christyane | 1599 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N5FN-BXS?lang=en , batch C07077-1 |
| Peter | Peter | 1558 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8R3-HMT?lang=en , batch B00461-3 |
| | Piter | 1571 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NK9C-D6D?lang=en , batch M14836-1 |
| | Pyter | 1555 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2JY-3L2?lang=en , batch M05146-1 |
| Rhys | Rese | 1567 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F71V-PM7?lang=en , batch V00898-0 |
| | Rise | 1573 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N26F-RVS?lang=en , batch M12011-1 |
| | Ryse | 1597 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JZZ3-T68?lang=en , batch B04199-8 |
| Selina | Selena | 1573 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JWZV-YN5?lang=en , batch C04228-1 |
| | Selina | 1566 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NX7P-DQP?lang=en , batch M03032-3 |
| | Selyna | 1579 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J36X-RP2?lang=en , batch P00165-1 |

When long e precedes a consonant, like in the names *Peter* and *Rhys*, it can sometimes also be written as *ee* or *ea*. There is not enough evidence here yet to consider these as universal ways long e can be written mid-name. More data is still needed.

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|--------|--------|------|--|
| Peter | Peater | 1555 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J7ZZ-RZ4?lang=en , batch C01870-9 |
| | Peeter | 1584 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JZC3-W36?lang=en , batch B03859-4 |
| Rhys | Reese | 1580 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JDQQ-PNY?lang=en , batch B00069-1 |

Terminal - E, I, Y, EA, EE, EY, IE, YE

We have only found evidence of terminal long e represented by the letters *ea* on traditionally feminine names; in the below examples, these are *Annie*, *Lucy*, *Marcy*, *Margery* and *Mary*.

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|------------|----------|------|--|
| Anne/Annie | Anni | 1578 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J794-VVV?lang=en , batch C07106-1 |
| | Anny | 1577 | DMNES s.n. Anne, English, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Anne |
| | Annea | 1564 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKSG-NH4?lang=en , batch M07071-1 |
| | Annee | 1599 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8RZ-4QZ?lang=en , batch B00388-1 |
| | Anney | 1567 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F71V-PM7?lang=en , batch V00898-0 |
| | Annie | 1574 | DMNES s.n. Anne, English, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Anne |
| | Annye | 1597 | DMNES s.n. Anne, English, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Anne |
| Anthony | Anthone | 1567 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J85G-Y2V?lang=en , batch B39354-1 |
| | Anthoni | 1583 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J85R-S29?lang=en , batch B39474-6 |
| | Anthony | 1529 | DMNES s.n. Anthony, English, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Anthony |
| | Anthonee | 1589 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J936-W3R?lang=en , batch P00499-1 |
| | Anthoney | 1599 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JCSW-6TR?lang=en , batch B15256-1 |
| | Anthonie | 1540 | DMNES s.n. Anthony, English, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Anthony |
| | Anthonye | 1568 | DMNES s.n. Anthony, English, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Anthony |
| Geoffrey | Jeffere | 1585 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2R2-VBQ?lang=en , batch M01204-1 |
| | Jefferi | 1541 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NRSG-WQJ?lang=en , batch C07818-1 |
| | Jeffery | 1534 | DMNES s.n. Geoffrey, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Geoffrey |
| | Jefferie | 1585 | DMNES s.n. Geoffrey, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Geoffrey |

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| | Jefferey | 1580 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JH1Z-XLQ?lang=en , batch B00191-6 |
| | Jefferye | 1582 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8YZ-55C?lang=en , batch B02938-3 |
| Henry | Henre | 1572 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NK9G-B8M?lang=en , batch B02943-3 |
| | Henri | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Henry, English, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Henry |
| | Henry | 1511 | DMNES s.n. Henry, English, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Henry |
| | Henree | 1563 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVVT-RL2?lang=en , batch M00905-1 |
| | Henrey | 1564 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLZJ-74W?lang=en , batch M00009-1 |
| | Henrie | 1561 | DMNES s.n. Henry, English, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Henry |
| | Henrye | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Henry, English, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Henry |
| Jeremy | Jereme | 1593 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLK1-TJ1?lang=en , batch C03656-1 |
| | Jeremi | 1593 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J3NH-Q8C?lang=en , batch C06302-2 |
| | Jeremy | 1591 | DMNES s.n. Jeremy, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Jeremy |
| | Jeremee | 1577 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLMP-GPX?lang=en , batch M06314-2 |
| | Jeremie | 1584 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV4K-DQQ?lang=en , batch M04045-1 |
| | Jeremey | 1578 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NR47-DXR?lang=en , batch C07212-1 |
| | Jeremye | 1598 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NL63-3Y2?lang=en , batch M01406-1 |
| Lucy | Luce | 1542 | DMNES s.n. Lucy, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Lucy |
| | Luci | 1567 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV28-TQL?lang=en , batch M13667-1 |
| | Lucy | 1576 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JDQ7-GX8?lang=en , batch B05876-8 |
| | Lucea | 1599 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N29N-SLF?lang=en , batch M00750-1 |
| | Lucee | 1587 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NYPN-V7X?lang=en , batch C05488-2 |
| | Lucie | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Lucy, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Lucy |
| | Lucey | 1592 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NK67-968?lang=en , batch M06450-1 |
| | Lucye | 1572 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J856-YZJ?lang=en , batch B02687-3 |
| Marcy | Marse | 1544 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NK9C-P93?lang=en , batch M14836-1 |
| | Marsy | 1586 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKZV-YML?lang=en , batch M02819-1 |
| | Marsea | 1578 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JQFM-73R?lang=en , batch C13835-1 |
| | Marsie | 1566 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JM7R-BX2?lang=en , batch C03656-1 |

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| | Marsey | 1579 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NYFS-5MG?lang=en , batch C02243-1 |
| | Marsye | 1590 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2RB-DLF?lang=en , batch M07237-1 |
| Margaret/ Margery | Margere | 1585 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J85R-346?lang=en , batch B39474-6 |
| | Margeri | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Margaret, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Margaret |
| | Margery | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Margaret, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Margaret |
| | Margerea | 1543 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JZGM-QQ7?lang=en , batch B05314-7 |
| | Margeree | 1550 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5K9-LVR?lang=en , batch M00150-1 |
| | Margerie | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Margaret, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Margaret |
| | Margerey | 1575 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV2D-24P?lang=en , batch M13669-1 |
| | Margerye | 1563 | DMNES s.n. Margaret, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Margaret |
| Mary | Mare | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Mary, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Mary |
| | Mari | 1572 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8TK-2PG?lang=en , batch B00391-6 |
| | Mary | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Mary, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Mary |
| | Marea | 1569 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV56-ZJC?lang=en , batch M03158-2 |
| | Marie | 1539 | DMNES s.n. Mary, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Mary |
| | Marey | 1554 | DMNES s.n. Mary, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Mary |
| | Marye | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Mary, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Mary |

I: the sound /aɪ/

The sound that we consider long i in English is actually a diphthong, a combination of two sounds. In this case, it is a combination of the sounds /ah/ and /ih/. This is represented in IPA with the symbol /aɪ/ and in Modern English with the words by, aisle, and island.

Initial - I, Y

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|-----------|--------|------|--|
| Isaac | Isaac | 1567 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NRX8-46B?lang=en , batch B02101-3 |
| | Ysaac | 1552 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J7Z6-373?lang=en , batch C13554-2 |
| Irons [S] | Irons | 1574 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NK7Z-TP8?lang=en , batch M16304-1 |
| | Yrons | 1583 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J3DW-F28?lang=en , batch P01331-1 |
| Ivans [S] | Ivans | 1593 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JC9X-3ZC?lang=en , batch B00047-6 |

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|--|-------|------|--|
| | Yvans | 1584 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVBP-F4M?lang=en , batch M00080-4 |
|--|-------|------|--|

Mid-Name - I, Y

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|------------|--------|------|--|
| Blight [S] | Blight | 1585 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V526-8F5?lang=en , batch M00160-1 |
| | Blyght | 1590 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKY9-122?lang=en , batch M05018-1 |
| Miles | Miles | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Miles, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Miles |
| | Myles | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Miles, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Miles |
| Titus | Titus | 1573 | DMNES s.n. Titus, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Titus |
| | Tytus | 1589 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLSG-WWT?lang=en , batch M07248-2 |
| Violet | Violet | 1596 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JQT5-3J3?lang=en , batch C04699-1 |
| | Vyolet | 1596 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NGVB-YPB?lang=en , batch C03202-1 |

Terminal - Y, IE, YE

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|---------|--------|------|--|
| Bye [S] | By | 1590 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJQW-59S?lang=en , batch M00080-4 |
| | Bie | 1582 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N6Q4-JY5?lang=en , batch M13810-1 |
| | Bye | 1595 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV9Z-3DH?lang=en , batch M02017-4 |
| Dye [S] | Dy | 1567 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NK16-MYM?lang=en , batch M01173-1 |
| | Die | 1546 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N68Z-GPG?lang=en , batch M13909-1 |
| | Dye | 1543 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5VP-355?lang=en , batch M04825-1 |
| Wye [S] | Wy | 1575 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5K9-2XL?lang=en , batch M00149-1 |
| | Wie | 1583 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NRGD-LL8?lang=en , batch C01691-1 |
| | Wye | 1573 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V526-ZXM?lang=en , batch M00165-1 |

A & E: the sound /ə/

When the sound /uh/ falls in an unstressed position, like in the Modern English words bazaar, comma and the, it is represented by the modern IPA symbol /ə/ - the schwa. It is oftentimes indistinguishable mid-name from a short e or i in Early Modern English; sometimes the only way to tell the difference is the stress. That varies from dialect to dialect, which results in the wide variety of pronunciations between these three sounds.

Mid-Name - A, E, I, O, U, Y

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|--|
| Agnes | Annas | 1592/3 | DMNES s.n Agnes, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Agnes |
| | Annes | 1592/3 | DMNES s.n Agnes, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Agnes |
| | Annis | 1592/3 | DMNES s.n Agnes, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Agnes |
| | Annos | 1587 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLC8-F86?lang=en , batch M13518-1 |
| | Annus | 1593 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5VW-DPL?lang=en , batch M00618-2 |
| | Annys | 1592/3 | DMNES s.n Agnes, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Agnes |
| Christina/ Christin ² | Christan | 1577 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKL9-Q4P?lang=en , batch M02007-6 |
| | Christen | 1581 | DMNES s.n. Christina, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Christina |
| | Christin | 1575 | DMNES s.n. Christina, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Christina |
| | Christon | 1592 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N271-296?lang=en , batch M10975-1 |
| | Christyn | 1584 | DMNES s.n. Christina, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Christina |
| Hackett [S] | Hackatt | 1562 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JDHZ-K3P?lang=en , batch B00020-4 |
| | Hackett | 1556 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N227-7ZV?lang=en , batch M07036-1 |
| | Hackitt | 1593 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JMCN-7T1?lang=en , batch C02771-2 |
| | Hackytt | 1549 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NK9C-TYT?lang=en , batch M14836-1 |
| Nicholas | Nicholas | 1530 | DMNES s.n Nicholas, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Nicholas |
| | Nicholes | 1530 | DMNES s.n Nicholas, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Nicholas |
| | Nicholis | 1546 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8RH-9M2?lang=en , batch B00276-0 |
| | Nicholos | 1563 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N29D-C45?lang=en , batch M00752-1 |
| | Nicholus | 1566 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J852-KPT?lang=en , batch B01113-4 |
| Stefan/ Stephen | Stevan | 1594 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NN1Y-525?lang=en , batch M01834-4 |
| | Steven | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Stephen, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Stephen |
| | Stevin | 1554 | DMNES s.n. Stephen, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Stephen |
| | Stevon | 1563 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JCM4-421?lang=en , batch B01136-3 |
| | Stevun | 1563 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N6S7-ZYF?lang=en , batch C15347-1 |

² Note that in Modern English, the name *Christina* is pronounced /kɹɪs'ti:nə/, while *Christin* is pronounced /'kɹɪstɪn/. In Early Modern English, *Christin* is pronounced closer to /'kɹɪstən/.

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|-------------|-----------|------|--|
| | Stevyn | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Stephen, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Stephen |
| Valentine | Valantine | 1574 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NNC2-4J5?lang=en , batch M01526-0 |
| | Valentine | 1563 | DMNES s.n. Valentine, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Valentine |
| | Valintine | 1598 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVXX-D4X?lang=en , batch M07181-3 |
| | Valuntine | 1583 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NGYW-Q4Z?lang=en , batch P00749-1 |
| | Valyntine | 1573 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NG4B-FX5?lang=en , batch C02846-2 |
| Vivian | Vivian | 1544 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N5HN-6Q2?lang=en , batch C05316-1 |
| | Vivion | 1585 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NDDF-7X4?lang=en , batch C10699-3 |
| Vivians [S] | Vivians | 1590 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JQRM-QFS?lang=en , batch C04042-1 |
| | Viviens | 1566 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V52X-QBD?lang=en , batch M01336-1 |

Terminal - A, E

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|-----------|--------|------|--|
| Anne | Anna | 1557 | DMNES s.n. Anne, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Anne |
| | Anne | 1557 | DMNES s.n. Anne, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Anne |
| Emma | Emma | 1575 | DMNES s.n. Emma, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Emma |
| | Emme | 1573 | DMNES s.n. Emma, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Emma |
| Sara | Sara | 1561 | DMNES s.n. Sara, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Sara |
| | Sare | 1540 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NK9C-599?lang=en , batch M14836-1 |
| Viola [S] | Viola | 1557 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N53V-WJ4?lang=en , batch P00167-1 |
| | Viole | 1582 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVC5-BZS?lang=en , batch M13410-1 |

E & I: the sounds /ɛ/ and /ɪ/

The sounds that we know as short e and short i are represented respectively in IPA as /ɛ/ and /ɪ/. The Modern English words *bet* and *test* represent the sound /ɛ/ while the Modern English words *pit* and *hymn* represent the sound /ɪ/. These sounds are nearly impossible to distinguish from one another in many dialects of Modern English, and this was true of English during the SCA period too. This is called the “pin-pen merger”. For an audio example of how this merger sounds in some dialects in the southern United States, see [Pin-Pen Merger](#). As a result of these sounds blurring together, every single vowel (and yes, sometimes y) can be found representing this sound in Early Modern English.

For a scholarly discussion of this merger, see, Austen, Martha. “Production and Perception of the Pin-Pen Merger.” *Journal of Linguistic Geography* 8.2 (2020): 115–126. <https://doi.org/10.1017/jlg.2020.9>. A subscription may be required to view this online resource.

Mid-Name - A, E, I, O, U, Y

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|--------------------|-----------|------|--|
| Alice ³ | Alas | 1565 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVBN-62C?lang=en , batch M04013-1 |
| | Ales | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Alice, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Alice |
| | Alis | 1538 | DMNES s.n. Alice, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Alice |
| | Alos | 1580 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVKL-96L?lang=en , batch M05497-1 |
| | Alus | 1582 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N21W-PYQ?lang=en , batch C01848-8 |
| | Alys | 1503 | DMNES s.n. Alice, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Alice |
| Elizabeth | Elazabeth | 1516 | DMNES s.n. Elizabeth, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Elizabeth |
| | Elezabeth | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Elizabeth, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Elizabeth |
| | Elizabeth | 1485 | DMNES s.n. Elizabeth, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Elizabeth |
| | Eluzabeth | 1562 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N6LH-7F8?lang=en , batch M15387-1 |
| | Elyzabeth | 1539 | DMNES s.n. Elizabeth, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Elizabeth |
| Nicholas | Necholas | 1584 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKQ6-B52?lang=en , batch M15347-1 |
| | Nicholas | 1529 | DMNES s.n. Nicholas, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Nicholas |
| | Nocholas | 1584 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKQM-JQQ?lang=en , batch M03032-3 |
| | Nycholas | 1533 | DMNES s.n. Nicholas, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Nicholas |
| Philip | Phelip | 1573 | DMNES s.n. Philip, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Philip |
| | Philip | 1584 | DMNES s.n. Philip, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Philip |
| | Phulip | 1564 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J36L-SJ5?lang=en , batch C05188-1 |
| | Phylip | 1584 | DMNES s.n. Philip, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Philip |
| Richard | Rechard | 1562 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVVM-N4Q?lang=en , batch M03278-2 |
| | Richard | 1562 | DMNES s.n Richard, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Richard |
| | Rochard | 1583 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLHZ-LQM?lang=en , batch M00158-1 |
| | Rychard | 1562 | DMNES s.n Richard, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Richard |
| William | Walliam | 1582 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J77Y-JTL?lang=en , batch C06202-2 |

³ In many dialects, the second vowel in the name *Alice* becomes muddled to a schwa instead of a short i since the syllable is unstressed. As the Modern English 'General American' standard considers this name to be pronounced /'æɪ.lɪs/, we have placed it in the table with short e and i rather than in the table with the schwa. It is likely that the name was pronounced with both the short i and the schwa in Early Modern English.

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| | Welliam | 1588 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV5N-2FM?lang=en , batch M03236-2 |
| | William | 1530 | DMNES s.n. William, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/William |
| | Wulliam | 1577 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:CNMS-B8W2?lang=en , batch C02135-6 |
| | Wylliam | 1530 | DMNES s.n. William, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/William |
| Winifred | Wenifred | 1567 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJB1-Z6P?lang=en , batch M13063-1 |
| | Winifred | 1581 | DMNES s.n. Winifred, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Winifred |
| | Wynifred | 1565 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJ5Q-Z4F?lang=en , batch M02243-1 |

O: the sounds /ou/ and /ʊ/

Long o, like long i, is actually a diphthong. In this case, it is the combination of the sounds /oh/ and /uh/. It is represented in modern IPA by the symbol /ou/ and in the Modern English words no, crossbow, and float.

Mid-Name - O, OA

| Origin | Period | Year | Citation |
|------------|--------|------|--|
| Coate [S] | Cote | 1574 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N67N-DBQ?lang=en , batch M16866-1 |
| | Coate | 1569 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JCQT-W5X?lang=en , batch B00295-2 |
| Goat [S] | Gote | 1566 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV5Z-9YN?lang=en , batch M03102-3 |
| | Goate | 1585 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5K1-4QB?lang=en , batch M02064-1 |
| Loader [S] | Loder | 1587 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JZG3-SP1?lang=en , batch B05318-2 |
| | Loader | 1583 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKNC-KJG?lang=en , batch M00807-5 |

Short o is represented in modern IPA by the symbol /ʊ/ and in the Modern English words soot and book.

Mid-Name - O, OO

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|------------|--------|------|--|
| Booker [S] | Boker | 1548 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NL67-BQ2?lang=en , batch M07064-1 |
| | Booker | 1548 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NYWG-F4M?lang=en , batch C14502-1 |
| Cook [S] | Coke | 1559 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N221-P5V?lang=en , batch M00225-1 |
| | Cooke | 1591 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8R3-MV9?lang=en , batch B00461-3 |
| Foot [S] | Fote | 1597 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N288-9QT?lang=en , batch M07308-1 |
| | Foote | 1581 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NR42-5ZQ?lang=en , batch C07290-2 |

Initial - HO, O

This letter has a special case when it begins a name that can also start with the consonant h. This phenomenon has more to do with the evolution of the letter h than it does with the vowel sounds represented by the letter o. It does not appear to matter whether the letter o in these instances is representing /oʊ/ or /ʊ/.

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|------------|-----------|------|--|
| Honor | Honer | 1590 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8R4-YQ3?lang=en , batch B00276-0 |
| | Oner | 1596 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVM6-VXF?lang=en , batch M02344-1 |
| Osen | Hosen [S] | 1587 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV41-MQQ?lang=en , batch M00923-1 |
| | Osen | 1589 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NGR2-87W?lang=en , batch C03247-1 |
| Owen [S] | Howen | 1598 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKRL-Q31?lang=en , batch M15774-1 |
| | Owen | 1598 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2QR-7LX?lang=en , batch M02080-1 |
| Hosier [S] | Hoziar | 1590 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVD1-S8K?lang=en , batch M02234-1 |
| | Oziar | 1569 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J99P-1MW?lang=en , batch C06205-2 |

Mid-Name - Johanna

The Latin feminine given name *Johanna* has a unique case of parallel development in Early Modern English. While modernly the names *Joan* and *Jane* are considered different names, they share this common ancestor. This means that even though in Modern English many dialects pronounce the vowel in these names quite differently, there was not likely that much of a difference between them in Early Modern English while these names were evolving. See [Joan](#) for more information.

| Origin | Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|---------|--------|--------|--|--|
| Johanna | Jane | Jane | 1522 | DMNES s.n Joan, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Joan |
| | | Jene | 1575 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N239-L27?lang=en , batch M00973-1 |
| | | Jaene | 1585 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NL8Y-7TY?lang=en , batch M01400-1 |
| | | Jahne | 1503 | DMNES s.n Joan, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Joan |
| | | Jaine | 1577 | DMNES s.n Joan, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Joan |
| | | Jayne | 1576 | DMNES s.n Joan, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Joan |
| | | Jeane | 1578 | DMNES s.n Joan, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Joan |
| | | Jeyne | 1531 | DMNES s.n Joan, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Joan |
| | Joan | Jone | 1538 | DMNES s.n Joan, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Joan |
| | | Joane | 1538 | DMNES s.n Joan, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Joan |
| Johne | | 1588 | DMNES s.n Joan, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Joan | |

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|--|--|-------|------|--|
| | | Joone | 1596 | DMNES s.n Joan, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Joan |
| | | Joune | 1596 | DMNES s.n Joan, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Joan |

A & O: the sounds /a/ and /ɔ/

There is a very slight difference between the sounds that are modernly represented in IPA by the sounds /a/ and /ɔ/, and there was even less of a difference between them during the SCA period. These are the symbols that represent the sound /aw/, whether it is ‘bright’ (open back non-rounded) or ‘dark’ (open-mid back rounded). Modern IPA considers the sound /a/ as the vowel sound in the Modern English words *hot* and *father*, and the sound /ɔ/ as the vowel sound in the Modern English words *frog*, *taut*, *baw* and *bought*. The distinction between these sounds disappears completely in some dialects and is amplified in others. It is often impossible to tell which sound is being represented in Early Modern English, due to the wide variety of accents throughout England.

Like the “pin-pen” merger discussed in another table, the blur between these two sounds has two separate vowel mergers. One is known as the “cot-caught” merger, while the other is known as the “father-bother” merger. For an examination of these mergers, among others, see: Labov, William, Ash, Sharon and Boberg, Charles. "North American mergers in progress". *The Atlas of North American English: Phonetics, Phonology and Sound Change*, Berlin • New York: De Gruyter Mouton, 2005, pp. 58-73.

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Sometimes, the letter l is present to help indicate that this sound is supposed to be /a/ or /ɔ/ rather than /e/, /ou/ or /ʊ/. The shift in pronunciation from /ald/ to /aud/ starts to happen in the 15th century; see HCM s.n. Awdry.

Initial and Mid-Name - A, O, AU, AW, OU, OW

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|----------------|--------|------|--|
| Aldous [S] | Aldis | 1561 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JM4Q-GHY?lang=en , batch P01301-1 |
| | Oldis | 1569 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVPW-CJS?lang=en , batch M03591-1 |
| | Audis | 1567 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NGR6-FM9?lang=en , batch C03381-1 |
| | Awdis | 1582 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLV3-9M3?lang=en , batch C00633-1 |
| Awdry [S] | Aldry | 1564 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JWDS-Z8J?lang=en , batch C13077-1 |
| | Audry | 1596 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJBD-CZK?lang=en , batch M00466-1 |
| | Awdry | 1559 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NXBY-XWT?lang=en , batch M15305-1 |
| Boxhall [S] | Boxall | 1591 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5KD-RK2?lang=en , batch M01332-1 |
| | Boxoll | 1576 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2DK-JY4?lang=en , batch M06973-2 |
| Fox [S] | Fax | 1576 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NDD3-5V9?lang=en , batch C07181-3 |

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| | Fox | 1572 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JCQC-X4Z?lang=en , batch B00038-3 |
| | Faux | 1561 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:CF37-FXN2?lang=en , batch M16647-1 |
| | Fawx | 1576 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVVK-4MH?lang=en , batch M14524-1 |
| | Foux | 1587 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NYFP-B6N?lang=en , batch C03656-1 |
| | Fowx | 1562 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J7MP-QXB?lang=en , batch P00500-1 |
| Hawker [S] | Hauker | 1565 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLCS-GTY?lang=en , batch M13135-1 |
| | Hawker | 1586 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NNCP-D5M?lang=en , batch M01339-0 |
| | Houker | 1562 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKZN-RXH?lang=en , batch M02875-1 |
| | Howker | 1583 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVH9-ZMD?lang=en , batch M00749-1 |
| Old ⁴ [S] | Alde | 1565 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLSL-N5J?lang=en , batch M07242-3 |
| | Olde | 1581 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVM6-D8S?lang=en , batch M02344-1 |
| | Aude | 1597 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N22F-MB9?lang=en , batch M07102-1 |
| | Aulde | 1574 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NXT7-25X?lang=en , batch M05386-4 |
| | Awde | 1555 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLZN-1BW?lang=en , batch M00009-1 |
| | Oulde | 1592 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVW8-755?lang=en , batch M04986-3 |
| | Owld | 1594 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JQ2X-J9L?lang=en , batch C02105-1 |
| Towers [S] | Tawers | 1576 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV5C-JWR?lang=en , batch M02871-2 |
| | Touers | 1574 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J389-8J8?lang=en , batch P00516-1 |
| | Towers | 1595 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8YL-64N?lang=en , batch B00569-2 |

U: the sounds /u/ and /ʌ/

Long u is represented in modern IPA by the symbol /u/ and in the Modern English words du, moose, and tube.

Mid-Name - EU, EW, OO, OU, U

The wide variety of vowel clusters on this sound in the surnames seems to be evidence that it is shifting from the sound /u/ towards /ju:/. Note that this does not seem to be the case for the two given names in this list, *Louis* and *Lucy*. More data is needed to prove this one way or the other.

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|----------|--------|------|--|
| Duke [S] | Deuk | 1559 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NK9C-NB7?lang=en , batch M14836-1 |

⁴ Though the byname *Old* is pronounced /ould/ in Modern American English, in Early Modern English it was pronounced closer to Modern British English /ɔʊ(ɪ)d/.

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| | Dewk | 1571 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NRBN-F2C?lang=en , batch C16659-1 |
| | Duk | 1582 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5VL-8B8?lang=en , batch M00574-1 |
| Jewel [S] | Jeule | 1605 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2L5-HHC?lang=en , batch M05201-1 |
| | Jewle | 1588 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2V7-7Y5?lang=en , batch M05122-1 |
| | Joole | 1566 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVRT-D46?lang=en , batch M00275-1 |
| | Joule | 1575 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV4G-6PD?lang=en , batch M04124-1 |
| | Jule | 1574 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N25J-34W?lang=en , batch M05074-1 |
| Louis | Lewis | 1547 | DMNES s.n. Louis, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Louis |
| | Louis | 1587 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2H4-68Q?lang=en , batch M05235-1 |
| | Luis | 1578 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5VT-LFT?lang=en , batch M00080-1 |
| Lucy | Leuce | 1573 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJB1-KX4?lang=en , batch M13063-1 |
| | Lewce | 1587/8 | DMNES s.n. Lucy, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Lucy |
| | Luce | 1574 | DMNES s.n. Lucy, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Lucy |

Short u is represented in modern IPA by the symbol /ʌ/ and in the Modern English words *cut*, *rust* and *under*; note that everywhere it appears, the vowel is stressed. When this vowel sound is unstressed, it becomes a schwa. We do not currently have any evidence that this sound, when stressed, is represented by any other letter than u in Early Modern English.

Terminal silent e

Silent e on the end of words is a very common pattern in Early Modern English. However, a terminal e is sometimes not optional following a terminal letter c. The letter e can actively change the pronunciation of the letter c. Names like *Alice*, *Constance*, *Laurence*, and *Patience*, where the letter c is representing a soft /s/ sound, can have a variable terminal e. When the letter c is representing a hard /k/ sound, the terminal e often softens the sound to an /s/. Compare *Marc* 'Mark' with *Marce* 'Marcy' and *Luc* 'Luke' with *Luce* 'Lucy' elsewhere in these tables.

Additionally, sometimes silent e can protect a long vowel sound in a name; consider the Modern English words *sit* and *site*. This is often known as “[Magic E](#)”. This phenomenon was just starting to emerge with regularity in Early Modern English. See [Early modern English: grammar, pronunciation, and spelling](#) for more information. A subscription may be required to view this online resource. See also: Schlüter, Julia. “[37 Early Modern English: Phonology](#)”, Alex Bergs and Laurel Brinton. *Historical Linguistics of English*. De Gruyter: New York. 2012. pp. 589–604.

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|-----------|----------|------|--|
| Alice | Alic | 1590 | DMNES s.n. Alice, England, Early Modern England, https://dmnes.org/name/Alice |
| | Alice | 1590 | DMNES s.n. Alice, England, Early Modern England, https://dmnes.org/name/Alice |
| Constance | Constanc | 1579 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NK4B-TR8?lang=en , batch M13674-1 |

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|------------------|-----------|------|--|
| | Constance | 1564 | DMNES s.n. Constance, English, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Constance |
| Johanna/ Joan | Joan | 1549 | Feminine Given Names in DES. part 3 by Talan Gwynek |
| | Joane | 1539 | DMNES s.n. Joan, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Joan |
| Laurence | Laurenc | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Laurence, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Laurence |
| | Laurence | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Laurence, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Laurence |
| Margaret | Margaret | 1556 | DMNES s.n. Margaret, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Margaret |
| | Margarete | 1556 | DMNES s.n. Margaret, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Margaret |
| Matthew | Mathew | 1531 | DMNES s.n. Matthew, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Matthew |
| | Mathewe | 1531 | DMNES s.n. Matthew, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Matthew |

Consonants

D & T: the sounds /d/ and /t/

Terminal /t/ - D, T, TT

We do not currently have any evidence that the sound /t/ in the terminal position was represented with the letter combination dd.

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|------------------------|-----------|------|--|
| Batt [S] | Bat | 1587 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2LB-SXV?lang=en , batch M05199-1 |
| | Batt | 1563 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JDHZ-KJX?lang=en , batch B00020-4 |
| Dott [S ⁵] | Dot | 1582 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XTNH-GPJ?lang=en , batch C11403-2 |
| | Dott | 1565 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J3X9-3QC?lang=en , HCM s.n. Dott |
| Everett [S] | Evered | 1563 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JDQ7-VZ3?lang=en , batch B05876-8 |
| | Everet | 1568 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJLS-9MW?lang=en , batch M07309-1 |
| | Everett | 1578 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N23H-ZJH?lang=en , batch M00392-1 |
| Gilbert | Gilberd | 1543 | DMNES s.n. Gilbert, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Gilbert |
| | Gilbert | 1545 | DMNES s.n. Gilbert, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Gilbert |
| | Gilbertt | 1567 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKGJ-BXV?lang=en , batch M02273-1 |
| Margaret | Margared | 1583 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2P2-52F?lang=en , batch M04361-1 |
| | Margaret | 1583 | DMNES s.n. Margaret, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Margaret |
| | Margarett | 1580 | DMNES s.n. Margaret, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Margaret |

⁵ Dott and Dodd are separate surnames. See each header form in HCM. 'Dott' comes from Scottish as a borrowing, and its example of *Dot* comes from Scotland rather than England. *Dot* appears in England dated earlier in HCM s.n. Dott, but we could not find it in Early Modern English in England.

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|----------|------|------|--|
| Pitt [S] | Pit | 1580 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVF6-DQW?lang=en , batch M00849-1 |
| | Pitt | 1588 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N264-591?lang=en , batch M15056-1 |

Terminal /d/ - D, T, DD

We do not currently have any evidence that the sound /d/ in the terminal position was represented with the letter combination *tt*. This sound does not appear to be represented as *dd* when it follows another consonant.

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|-------------|---------|------|--|
| Cadd [S] | Cad | 1595 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV4L-K9D?lang=en , batch M04284-1 |
| | Cadd | 1570 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J39Y-12B?lang=en , HCM s.n. Cadd |
| Diamond [S] | Diamond | 1548 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N5VB-FZF?lang=en , batch C09888-1 |
| | Diamont | 1576 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N25N-5VH?lang=en , batch M05074-1 |
| Dodd [S] | Dod | 1568 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JCTL-75J?lang=en , batch B03428-4 |
| | Dodd | 1572 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JZMS-X6D?lang=en , batch B03595-0 |
| Edward | Edward | 1559 | DMNES s.n. Edward, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Edward |
| | Edwart | 1559 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JZGM-HJ3?lang=en , batch B05314-7 |
| Read [S] | Red | 1559 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JC1D-DMH?lang=en , batch B03579-4 |
| | Redd | 1590 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8RN-7XF?lang=en , batch B02814-2 |
| Richard | Richard | 1578 | DMNES s.n. Richard, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Richard |
| | Richart | 1578 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2PH-DXG?lang=en , batch M00022-1 |

F, U, V & W: the sounds /f/, /v/ & /w/

The sounds made by the letters f, v, and w began their appearance in English conflated with one another as words came to the language from different origins. Adding to the confusion, sometimes the letter v was used to represent the letter u as a vowel sound and sometimes both letters represent a consonant sound. When they are consonants, the letter v can either represent either a /f/, /v/ or /w/ sound, while the letter u can either represent a /v/ or a /w/ sound. This makes it tricky to suss out which names are variants of each other and which are separate names. Sometimes, these names do not evolve into distinct names until after the SCA period. The letter v was not its own distinct letter until the 17th century.

See “Cleave, V. (1), Etymology.” Oxford English Dictionary, Oxford UP, June 2025, <https://doi.org/10.1093/OED/3315416274>, “Cliff, N., Etymology.” Oxford English Dictionary, Oxford UP, March 2025, <https://doi.org/10.1093/OED/9030482993> and “U, N. (1), Etymology.” Oxford English Dictionary, Oxford UP, June 2025, <https://doi.org/10.1093/OED/1207602124> for further information on this phenomenon. A subscription may be required to view this online resource.

Initial - F/V and V/W

This swap may depend on the quality of the vowel it precedes, its dialect and/or its language of origin, but much more data is necessary to make that determination.

The letters f and w do not appear to be interchangeable at the start of a name, but each can be represented with the letter v.

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|-------------|-----------|--------|--|
| Fagg [S] | Fagg | 1567 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NNZ7-N3J?lang=en , HCM s.n. Fagg |
| | Vagg | 1584 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2HC-YRM?lang=en , batch M05192-1 |
| Fick [S] | Fick | 1573 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V52N-GMD?lang=en , batch M00235-1 |
| | Vick | 1599 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLSS-CJC?lang=en , batch M04623-2 |
| Fox [S] | Fox | 1576 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8R3-XJ3?lang=en , batch B00461-3 |
| | Vox | 1546 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV28-R5S?lang=en , batch M13667-1 |
| Valentine | Folantyne | 1583/4 | DMNES s.n. Valentine, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Valentine |
| | Volantyne | 1560 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5NL-3R6?lang=en , batch P00435-1 |
| Verdon [S] | Verdon | 1570 | HCM s.n. Verdon, David Verdon |
| | Werdon | 1541 | HCM s.n. Verdon, Oliver Werdon |
| Victor [S] | Victor | 1593 | HCM s.n. Victor, Willmot Victor |
| | Wictor | 1601 | HCM s.n. Victor, Richard Wictor |
| Villers [S] | Villers | 1586 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NK65-BP8?lang=en , batch M01120-1 |
| | Willers | 1566 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JWM4-6JL?lang=en , batch C01464-2 |

Mid-Name and Terminal - F, U, V, W, FF, PH

When the sounds /f/, /v/, and /w/ appear in the middle of a name, they are often conflated together depending on accent and surrounding sounds. As a result, it is frequently hard to tell which sound is intended in Early Modern English. Sometimes, these sounds eventually develop into what we modernly consider different names; consider the difference in vowel quality modernly before the /f/ in *Stefan* vs the /v/ in *Steven*.

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|----------|--------|------|--|
| Cave [S] | Cafe | 1597 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2WC-F2C?lang=en , batch C16031-1 |
| | Caue | 1572 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N22C-TQ1?lang=en , batch M07130-1 |
| | Cave | 1556 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2BP-MYM?lang=en , batch M01549-3 |
| | Cawe | 1573 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NX6S-KYS?lang=en , batch M16659-1 |
| | Caffe | 1551 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLWL-9VQ?lang=en , batch M05850-2 |
| Dow [S] | Doue | 1581 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5VG-Z7Z?lang=en , batch M01178-1 |
| | Dove | 1561 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLMH-VQT?lang=en , batch M06257-2 |

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| | Dowe | 1542 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV5V-95B?lang=en , batch M02827-2 |
| Geoffrey | Jefery | 1563 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JC57-8PG?lang=en , batch B03136-4 |
| | Jevery | 1575 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N56M-JYY?lang=en , batch C05175-1 |
| | Jeffery | 1534 | DMNES s.n. Geoffrey, English, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Geoffrey |
| | Jephery | 1591 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NNCK-BQS?lang=en , batch M01479-9 |
| Ralph/Rafe | Rafe | 1555 | DMNES s.n. Ralph, English, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Ralph |
| | Rave | 1582 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N56M-JY4?lang=en , batch C05175-1 |
| | Rawe | 1572 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NK13-VY2?lang=en , batch M01554-1 |
| | Raffe | 1543 | DMNES s.n. Ralph, English, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Ralph |
| | Raphe | 1555 | DMNES s.n. Ralph, English, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Ralph |
| Sawer [S] | Sauer | 1572 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVR4-XYX?lang=en , batch M03381-1 |
| | Saver | 1583 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2RL-VPY?lang=en , batch M01724-1 |
| | Sawer | 1580 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV19-NPN?lang=en , batch M02595-3 |
| Shaw [S] | Shaue | 1566 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVP7-24V?lang=en , batch M00416-1 |
| | Shave | 1578 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV6T-384?lang=en , batch M15383-1 |
| | Shawe | 1574 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NRXN-2L7?lang=en , batch B02101-4 |
| Stefan/ Stephen | Stefen | 1584 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NNLR-5PT?lang=en , batch C01983-8 |
| | Steven | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Stephen, English, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Stephen |
| | Stewen | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Stephen, English, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Stephen |
| | Steffen | 1566 |  1566 Steffen London.jpg , http://findmypast.co.uk |
| | Stephen | 1531 | DMNES s.n. Stephen, English, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Stephen |
| Sylvester | Sylfester | 1572 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5VL-QWM?lang=en , batch M00574-1 |
| | Sylvester | 1560 | DMNES s.n. Sylvester, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Sylvester |
| | Syluester | 1572/3 | DMNES s.n. Sylvester, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Sylvester |

Sometimes the sounds /f/ and /w/ do not appear to be interchangeable in the middle of a name by the time they reach Early Modern English. This appears to be dependent on their origin; in the case of the surname *Harvard*, the deutertheme *-vard* is a mutation of *-ford* (see HCM s.n. Harvard).

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|-----------|--------|------|--|
| Devin [S] | Devin | 1597 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2QR-4XF?lang=en , batch M02080-1 |
| | Dewin | 1583 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2PG-33X?lang=en , batch M04443-1 |
| Gavin | Gaven | 1575 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NL7D-9BW?lang=en , batch M02988-1 |

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|-------------|---------|------|--|
| | Gawen | 1573 | DMNES s.n. Gavin, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Gavin |
| Harvard [S] | Harfard | 1581 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J99J-ZQS?lang=en , batch C05914-2 |
| | Harvard | 1560 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJ17-BXR?lang=en , batch M13055-1 |

Sometimes the sound /v/ is not found written with any other letter in Early Modern English. This is the case with the name *Violet*. Though the noun *violet* in Middle English is found spelled *wyldeuyelet*, *wyolet* and *wyolett* (MED s.v. *violet* n.), we have not yet found evidence that any of these spellings persisted into names in Early Modern English. It also does not appear spelled with an initial w in the OED s.v. *violet*, either n. or adj.

WH: the sound /x^w/

The sound which IPA represents with the symbol /x^w/ can also be represented with the symbols /w/, /w̥/ and /h^w/. This is the sound that appears in the Modern English words *where*, *white*, and *why*.

Initial - W, WH

This spelling variant only happens before a vowel.

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|--------------|----------|------|--|
| Whale [S] | Wale | 1585 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVPC-GYT?lang=en , batch M00811-1 |
| | Whale | 1589 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NK7S-BXS?lang=en , batch M01443-2 |
| Wherrett [S] | Werrett | 1580 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N6S1-MXK?lang=en , batch C15343-1 |
| | Wherrett | 1583 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKSJ-L9D?lang=en , batch M04007-2 |
| Whipple [S] | Wipple | 1578 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKCB-WHH?lang=en , batch M01931-2 |
| | Whipple | 1567 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLSN-5JR?lang=en , batch M07217-2 |
| White [S] | Wite | 1574 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKG2-3X5?lang=en , batch M04589-1 |
| | White | 1579 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8R3-VZW?lang=en , batch B00461-3 |
| Whitton [S] | Witton | 1589 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVH9-75N?lang=en , batch M00749-1 |
| | Whitton | 1598 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2PH-4JQ?lang=en , batch M00022-1 |
| Worley [S] | Worley | 1568 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLSN-DL8?lang=en , batch M07217-2 |
| | Whorley | 1597 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JMXX-326?lang=en , batch C03310-2 |
| Wyer [S] | Wyer | 1557 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKY6-2P1?lang=en , batch M02049-2 |
| | Whyler | 1594 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JWNK-774?lang=en , batch C07131-1 |

G: the sound /g/

Initial - G, GH

This spelling variant only happens before a vowel.

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|-----------|--------|------|--|
| Ghost [S] | Goste | 1599 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J9XN-RXV?lang=en , batch C15348-1 |
| | Ghoste | 1596 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5K3-XJD?lang=en , batch M00138-1 |
| Gott [S] | Gott | 1594 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVJB-BMZ?lang=en , batch M01113-2 |
| | Ghott | 1562 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J3DJ-T99?lang=en , batch P00743-1 |
| Guest [S] | Gest | 1575 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2V9-R6V?lang=en , batch M05262-1 |
| | Ghest | 1596 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLWM-PPG?lang=en , batch M01072-1 |

Mid-Name and Terminal - G, GG

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|-------------|-----------|------|--|
| Bagg [S] | Bag | 1569 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2TF-L52?lang=en , batch M05220-1 |
| | Bagg | 1578 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NK9C-WZB?lang=en , batch M14836-1 |
| Kingett [S] | Kingett | 1615 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NL9V-QJQ?lang=en , batch M06187-1 |
| | Kinggett | 1588 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JW3S-1R7?lang=en , HCM s.n. Kingett |
| | Kyngett | 1574 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVVK-366?lang=en , batch M14524-1 |
| Margaret | Margaret | 1562 | DMNES s.n. Margaret, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Margaret |
| | Marggaret | 1562 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLH8-ZZP?lang=en , batch M00846-1 |
| Pegg [S] | Peg | 1594 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NL99-WZ7?lang=en , batch M06268-2 |
| | Pegg | 1585 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JZLX-8M2?lang=en , batch B05197-6 |
| Rigg [S] | Rig | 1568 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2CB-15J?lang=en , batch C03145-3 |
| | Rigg | 1555 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5VZ-V23?lang=en , batch M00569-1 |
| Wagon [S] | Wagon | 1584 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NGM3-Y87?lang=en , batch C03463-2 |
| | Waggon | 1580 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J39G-W24?lang=en , batch C03463-2 |

J: the sound /dʒ/

Initial - G, I, J, JH

Use of the consonant cluster *gh* to represent the sound /dʒ/ is rare. There is a single example in the table below, which is not enough to assert that this is a universal way to represent this sound. Usually, this consonant cluster represents the sound /g/, as seen in the table above.

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|----------|--------|------|--|
| Gent [S] | Gent | 1596 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V52C-D4Z?lang=en , batch M00140-1 |

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|----------|---------|--------|--|
| | Jent | 1594 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJB1-LXX?lang=en , batch M13063-1 |
| | Jhent | 1573 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NY6H-M91?lang=en , batch C01991-4 |
| Geoffery | Geffery | 1583/4 | DMNES s.n. Geoffery, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Geoffrey |
| | leffery | 1583/4 | DMNES s.n. Geoffery, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Geoffrey |
| | Jeffery | 1583 | DMNES s.n. Geoffery, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Geoffrey |
| George | George | 1562 | DMNES s.n. George, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/George |
| | Gorge | 1563 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLC5-XQQ?lang=en , batch M04336-1 |
| | Jeorge | 1562 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVVM-MQD?lang=en , batch M02937-1 |
| | Jorge | 1589 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2LT-MJW?lang=en , batch M05167-1 |
| German | German | 1595 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JCSF-2HM?lang=en , batch B13807-2 |
| | Jerman | 1592 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JZM3-3YS?lang=en , batch B03595-0 |
| Giles | Giles | 1582 | DMNES s.n. Giles, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Giles |
| | Jiles | 1582 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JC96-94K?lang=en , batch B00047-6 |
| | Ghiles | 1582 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2L1-BLQ?lang=en , batch M05169-1 |
| Jeremy | Geremy | 1594 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NDZM-BPB?lang=en , batch C14805-1 |
| | leremy | 1583/4 | DMNES s.n. Jeremy, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Jeremy |
| | Jeremy | 1591 | DMNES s.n. Jeremy, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Jeremy |
| Joan | Ioan | 1574 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2DN-2M9?lang=en , batch M01372-1 |
| | Joan | 1560 | DMNES s.n. Joan, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Joan |
| | Jhoan | 1560 | DMNES s.n. Joan, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Joan |
| John | Iohn | 1570 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J7LG-S2P?lang=en , batch C04266-3 |
| | John | 1570 | DMNES s.n. John, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/John |
| | Jhon | 1539 | DMNES s.n. John, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/John |
| Juliana | Gilian | 1586 | DMNES s.n. England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Juliana |
| | Jilian | 1584 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVFH-W49?lang=en , batch M14844-1 |

K: the sound /k/

This sound for Early Modern English doesn't appear as the letter k regularly when it appears at the beginning of a given name until after 1600. The name *Katherine* appears to be an exception to this rule. This spelling variant doesn't seem to appear on names where the sound /k/ is part of an initial consonant

cluster, like the names *Clare* and *Claude* with one exception; the hard /k/ sound also appears in names like *Christopher*. For an initial sound, the ch/k swap only appears in this name and its relatives, such as *Christiana* and *Christpian*. It is not a true c/k swap and does not appear to be universal enough of a swap as an initial sound to be considered in this evidence. Usually the consonant cluster ch makes a /tʃ/ sound at the start of a word, as in the names *Charles* and *Churchill*.

Initial - Given Names - C, K

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|-----------|-----------|--------|--|
| Caleb | Caleb | 1589 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JCKF-9QS?lang=en , batch B02880-3 |
| | Kaleb | 1638 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVKY-38X?lang=en , batch M02229-2 |
| Cara | Cara | 1595 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XKDS-KX8?lang=en , batch V00702-5 |
| | Kara | 1625 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JWWJ-2LB?lang=en , batch P00843-1 |
| Katherine | Catheryne | 1530/1 | DMNES s.n. Katherine, English, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Katherine |
| | Katheryne | 1530/1 | DMNES s.n. Katherine, English, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Katherine |
| Cora | Cora | 1598 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JWX8-NQD?lang=en , batch C05113-1 |
| | Kora | 1619 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JCPC-M31?lang=en , batch B03042-6 |

Initial - Surnames - C, K

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|--------------|---------|------|---|
| Cadwell [S] | Cadwell | 1588 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NYZK-GMW?lang=en , batch C05386-4 |
| | Kadwell | 1592 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JSDZ-CMR?lang=en , batch C03463-2 |
| Carrell [S] | Carrell | 1548 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLQ4-X4Y?lang=en , batch M00135-1 |
| | Karrell | 1562 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NK4V-WQD?lang=en , batch M14807-1 |
| Cashmore [S] | Casmore | 1561 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV83-2HZ?lang=en , HCM s.n. Cashmore |
| | Kasmore | 1590 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJ1D-Y4S?lang=en , batch M13011-1 |
| Catt [S] | Catt | 1549 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N6KF-6XS?lang=en , batch M13534-9 |
| | Katt | 1581 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N211-M4N?lang=en , batch M15031-2 |
| Kitt [S] | Citt | 1591 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKW3-T2F?lang=en , batch M15247-1 |
| | Kitt | 1591 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2LY-J42?lang=en , batch M05160-1 |

As given names, *Christiana*, *Christopher*, *Christpian* and their relatives have a special initial symbol swap. The letter X in this case represents the Greek chi-rho, a symbol of Christ. Often, the entire *Christ*-prototheme will be replaced by the letter X; however, sometimes the letter t remains.

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
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|-------------|------------|------|---|
| Christiana | Christian | 1552 | DMNES s.n. Christiana, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Christiana |
| | Xian | 1578 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKDV-F3R?lang=en , batch M00161-1 |
| | Xtian | 1578 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5V6-2ZP?lang=en , batch M01006-2 |
| Christopher | Christofer | 1564 | DMNES s.n. Christopher, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Christopher |
| | Xofer | 1588 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV5R-Z5S?lang=en , batch M03008-1 |
| | Xtofer | 1578 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2PP-D52?lang=en , batch M04175-1 |
| Christpian | Christpian | 1588 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKWM-K93?lang=en , batch M15268-1 |
| | Xpian | 1591 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q2Q7-5RFG?lang=en ,  |

Mid-Name - C, K, CC, KK, CH, CK

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|---------------|--------------------|------|--|
| Baker [S] | Bacer ⁶ | 1551 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NK4Y-RYR?lang=en , batch M14798-1 |
| | Baker | 1590 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J85Z-XMS?lang=en , batch B02840-3 |
| | Bakker | 1554 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N6KF-1V9?lang=en , batch M13534-9 |
| | Bacher | 1547 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JDQQ-LV9?lang=en , batch B00069-1 |
| | Backer | 1586 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVPX-15T?lang=en , batch M01218-1 |
| Blackwell [S] | Blacwell | 1544 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLSD-WVS?lang=en , batch M07305-1 |
| | Blakwell | 1577 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV51-235?lang=en , batch M03162-1 |
| | Blackwell | 1583 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8RJ-HXD?lang=en , batch B02943-3 |
| Nicholas | Nicolas | 1524 | DMNES s.n. Nicholas, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Nicholas |
| | Nikolas | 1584 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N5F9-YRS?lang=en , batch C06629-2 |
| | Niccolas | 1590 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N6BJ-K2X?lang=en , batch M01954-3 |
| | Nicholas | 1529 | DMNES s.n. Nicholas, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Nicholas |
| | Nickolas | 1565 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2GL-84M?lang=en , batch M06306-2 |
| Rebecca | Rebeca | 1585 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5KS-ZNR?lang=en , batch M00152-1 |
| | Rebeka | 1593 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVLY-Y4K?lang=en , batch M15108-1 |
| | Rebecca | 1580 | DMNES s.n. Rebecca, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Rebecca |

⁶ While the letter c often makes an /s/ sound when it appears before the letter e, we could find no evidence of the surname *Baser*. The spelling *bace* is a variant spelling of *base* (see the MED s.v. *bās* adj.) but *Bacer* appears to be *Baker*. Consider that *Baker* and *Baxter* have the same origin and many early variants include a c or a ck. See HCM s.n. Baker.

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|--|---------|------|--|
| | Rebekka | 1561 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NGMQ-SMY?lang=en , batch C03463-2 |
| | Rebecha | 1597 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J3SC-V48?lang=en , batch C02767-2 |
| | Rebecka | 1580 | DMNES s.n. Rebecca, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Rebecca |

Terminal - C. K. CH. CK

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|----------|--------|------|---|
| Duke [S] | Duk | 1583 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2TN-CJV?lang=en , batch M05218-1 |
| | Duch | 1588 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NGJY-CN1?lang=en , batch P01397-1 |
| | Duck | 1599 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N6JJ-LZN?lang=en , batch M14760-1 |
| Eric | Eric | 1587 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J3SM-R9X?lang=en , batch C02222-2 |
| | Erich | 1611 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKC7-L47?lang=en , batch M03735-2 |
| | Erick | 1591 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKD6-XLQ?lang=en , batch M05547-1 |
| Luke | Luc | 1568 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2BX-PY7?lang=en , batch M00536-1 |
| | Luk | 1577 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JC9D-GXN?lang=en , batch B00047-6 |
| | Luck | 1558 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NK47-T8Z?lang=en , batch M14829-1 |
| Mack | Mac | 1614 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NL4Y-MW1?lang=en , batch M00556-1 |
| | Mach | 1594 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NL4X-Y5F?lang=en , batch M00598-1 |
| | Mack | 1581 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKS4-ZTY?lang=en , batch M04028-2 |
| Mark | Marc | 1574 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J797-RPV?lang=en , batch C05074-1 |
| | Mark | 1577 | DMNES s.n. Mark, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Mark |
| | March | 1584 |  March 1584 Kent.jpg , http://findmypast.co.uk |
| | Marck | 1593 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JC9X-3QH?lang=en , batch B00047-6 |
| Pink [S] | Pink | 1584 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NYDG-9LJ?lang=en , batch P00976-1 |
| | Pinch | 1563 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NBS8-3HZ?lang=en , HCM s.n. Pink |
| | Pinck | 1567 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKNL-V2Z?lang=en , HCM s.n. Pink |

SC: the sound /sk/

Initial - SC. SK

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
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|---------------|-----------|------|--|
| Scane [S] | Scane | 1549 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5VL-ZQH?lang=en , batch M00574-1 |
| | Skane | 1585 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKY4-LPX?lang=en , batch M00186-1 |
| Scrimshaw [S] | Scrimshaw | 1567 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV6W-Y65?lang=en , batch M02617-1 |
| | Skrimshaw | 1593 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV93-QLV?lang=en , batch M01025-5 |
| Skeet [S] | Scate | 1578 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLCZ-TZ2?lang=en , batch M13513-1 |
| | Skate | 1588 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVPH-CWY?lang=en , batch M01490-1 |

R: the sound /r/

Initial - R, RH

This spelling variant only happens before a vowel. The names in this table are loans to English from other languages; *road* comes from Germanic and *Rhys* and *Roderick* from Welsh. This spelling variant does not seem to appear on words native to the English language.

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|--------------|-----------|------|--|
| Rhodes [S] | Rodes | 1587 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NFQ3-29D?lang=en , batch M00099-7 |
| | Rhodes | 1587 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKNR-NWT?lang=en , batch M14754-1 |
| Rhys [S] | Rys | 1560 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N28B-B8N?lang=en , batch M01815-1 |
| | Rhys | 1593 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NGL4-CR7?lang=en , batch P01744-1 |
| Roderick [S] | Rytherch | 1581 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLMV-XLJ?lang=en , batch M02071-1 |
| | Rhytherch | 1597 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J3NX-VM8?lang=en , batch C02071-1 |

Mid-Name and Terminal - R, RR

This sound does not appear as *rr* when it is part of another consonant cluster like *gr* or *rn*.

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|-------------|---------|------|--|
| Burr [S] | Bur | 1563 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVHD-Y4H?lang=en , batch M02888-3 |
| | Burr | 1583 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2W7-CX5?lang=en , batch M04488-1 |
| Carrell [S] | Carell | 1542 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV3X-TVW?lang=en , batch M05592-2 |
| | Carrell | 1584 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V52C-XZB?lang=en , batch M00140-1 |
| Curr [S] | Cur | 1595 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVCT-8YF?lang=en , batch M13080-1 |
| | Curr | 1564 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NL93-V6F?lang=en , batch M09591-1 |
| Garet | Garat | 1593 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JC98-VQS?lang=en , batch B00047-7 |
| | Garrat | 1574 | DMNES s.n. Garet, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Garet |

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|-----------|-------|------|--|
| Henry | Hare | 1533 | DMNES s.n. Henry, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Henry |
| | Harre | 1543 | DMNES s.n. Henry, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Henry |
| Mary | Mary | 1557 | DMNES s.n. Mary, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Mary |
| | Marry | 1557 | DMNES s.n. Mary, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Mary |
| Parr [S] | Par | 1589 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKSJ-LYV?lang=en , batch M04007-2 |
| | Parr | 1592 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVD2-ZZS?lang=en , batch M15349-1 |
| Sara | Sara | 1580 | DMNES s.n. Sara, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Sara |
| | Sarra | 1581 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V52C-4P8?lang=en , batch M00134-1 |
| Spurr [S] | Spur | 1589 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV56-X6J?lang=en , batch M03163-2 |
| | Spurr | 1570 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVHD-52W?lang=en , batch M02809-3 |
| Torr [S] | Tor | 1562 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JSRG-R6L?lang=en , batch C03145-3 |
| | Torr | 1597 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5VW-BQD?lang=en , batch M00173-2 |

S: the sound /s/

Initial - C, S

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|-----------|----------|------|--|
| Cecilia | Cissille | 1575 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J85R-9PT?lang=en , batch B39474-6 |
| | Sissille | 1575 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J85R-3ZF?lang=en , batch B39474-6 |
| Seely [S] | Ceely | 1560 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLS6-F2N?lang=en , batch M07214-2 |
| | Seely | 1586 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLS3-G9Z?lang=en , batch M03174-2 |
| Sybil | Cible | 1582 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NBCP-9JP?lang=en , batch C05914-2 |
| | Sible | 1587 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JDQ7-TQQ?lang=en , batch B05876-8 |

Mid-Name and Terminal - C, S, CE, SE, SS

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|---------|--------|-----------|--|
| Alice | Alic | 1556 | DMNES s.n. Alice, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Alice |
| | Alis | 1546 | DMNES s.n. Alice, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Alice |
| | Alice | 1546 | DMNES s.n. Alice, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Alice |
| | Alise | 1532-1533 | DMNES s.n. Alice, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Alice |
| | Aliss | 1597 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2QF-Y26?lang=en , batch M01447-1 |
| Cecilia | Cicly | 1581 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NXJD-89C?lang=en , batch M00311-7 |

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| | Cisly | 1598 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V526-NMK?lang=en , batch M00160-1 |
| | Cicely | 1570 | DMNES s.n. Cecilia, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Cecilia |
| | Cisely | 1598 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVPL-VP6?lang=en , batch M04210-1 |
| | Cissely | 1593 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJQ2-5QJ?lang=en , batch M02264-2 |
| Lawrence | Lawrenc | 1559 | DMNES s.n. Laurence, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Laurence |
| | Lawrens | 1560 | DMNES s.n. Laurence, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Laurence |
| | Lawrence | 1559 | DMNES s.n. Laurence, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Laurence |
| | Lawrense | 1594 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JMKK-C2Y?lang=en , batch P00797-1 |
| Marcy | Marce | 1582 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NYNG-3R3?lang=en , batch C00496-2 |
| | Marse | 1544 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NK9C-P93?lang=en , batch M14836-1 |
| Moss [S ⁷] | Mos | 1583 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKGY-RPB?lang=en , batch M05426-1 |
| | Moss | 1557 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8YX-558?lang=en , batch B01026-3 |
| | Mosse | 1540 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NP41-1YH?lang=en , batch B01577-6 |
| Patience | Patienc | 1594 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-DYW3-D5N?lang=en&i=459 , img 500 |
| | Patiens | 1569 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLHD-F59?lang=en , batch M00857-1 |
| | Patience | 1595 | DMNES s.n. Patience, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Patience |
| | Patiense | 1641 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5LV-LWQ?lang=en , batch P01490-1 |
| Rhys | Ric | 1583 |  , http://findmypast.co.uk |
| | Ris | 1559 |  , http://findmypast.co.uk |
| | Rice | 1562 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JDHZ-KZJ?lang=en , batch B00020-4 |
| | Rise | 1573 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N26F-RVS?lang=en , batch M12011-1 |
| Tacy | Tacey | 1598 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JWN4-N4X?lang=en , batch C05204-1 |
| | Tasey | 1587 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKGY-736?lang=en , batch M05426-1 |

There is a single instance of the name *Cecilia* using a *cc* spelling and a single instance of it using the *sc* spelling for the second /s/ sound that we have been able to verify so far. This is the only name we have found so far that represents this sound these ways, which is not enough to establish a pattern.

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|---------|---------|------|--|
| Cecilia | Ciscely | 1591 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVCK-983?lang=en , batch M01202-2 |

⁷ Note that *Mose* is a different surname from *Moss*. See HCM s.n. *Mose* and *ibid* s.n. *Moss*.

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| | Seccely | 1599 | DMNES s.n. Cecilia, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Cecilia |
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Terminal - The t swap

This unique ending switch is found on feminine virtue-type given names ending in the sound /əns/ such as *Clemence*, *Constance* and *Patience*. Sometimes, the entire /s/ sound is replaced with a terminal letter t instead. It is unclear whether this represents an actual shift in pronunciation or simply an alternate way of writing the same sound. The variants with the terminal t are also masculine names.

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|-----------|-----------|------|--|
| Clemence | Clemence | 1570 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVML-PXS?lang=en , batch M00275-1 |
| | Clement | 1547 | DMNES s.n. Clemence, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Clemence |
| Constance | Constance | 1563 | DMNES s.n. Constance, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Constance |
| | Constant | 1594 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NL8C-55K?lang=en , batch M05783-2 |
| Innocence | Innocens | 1598 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JQRB-3H9?lang=en , batch C03198-1 |
| | Innocent | 1575 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N55L-B5K?lang=en , batch C00629-1 |
| Patience | Patience | 1564 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JCKX-GM3?lang=en , batch B02880-3 |
| | Patient | 1588 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2DF-B88?lang=en , batch M07407-2 |
| Prudence | Prudence | 1564 | DMNES s.n. Prudence, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Prudence |
| | Prudent | 1596 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J37R-FZ6?lang=en , batch C03985-2 |

S & Z: the sound /z/

Initial - S, Z

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|-----------|--------|------|--|
| Seal [S] | Seale | 1545 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJHW-F2Z?lang=en , batch M05537-2 |
| | Zeale | 1568 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKB8-T6X?lang=en , batch M07116-1 |
| Souch [S] | Souch | 1590 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V52W-JBN?lang=en , batch M00144-1 |
| | Zouch | 1598 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V526-W4Q?lang=en , batch M00160-1 |
| Zane [S] | Sane | 1582 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKH3-Z5L?lang=en , batch M13686-1 |
| | Zane | 1546 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2TF-DZS?lang=en , batch M05220-1 |

Mid-Name and Terminal - S, Z, SS

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|-----------|--------|------|--|
| Elizabeth | Elisa | 1562 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV91-T79?lang=en , batch M01198-0 |
| | Eliza | 1567 | DMNES s.n. Elizabeth, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Elizabeth |

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|-----------|----------|------|--|
| | Elissa | 1599 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJ1S-YXF?lang=en , batch M05831-2 |
| Isabel | Isabell | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Isabel, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Isabel |
| | Izabell | 1593 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NRXT-CXF?lang=en , batch B02101-6 |
| | Issabell | 1530 | DMNES s.n. Isabel, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Isabel |
| Mays [S] | Mase | 1588 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV49-8ZH?lang=en , batch M03490-1 |
| | Maze | 1589 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NRXP-1QF?lang=en , batch B02101-5 |
| | Masse | 1575 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V526-B9V?lang=en , batch M00160-1 |
| Rose [S] | Rose | 1569 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKNC-NNB?lang=en , batch M00807-5 |
| | Roze | 1588 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKZK-8W5?lang=en , batch M03083-1 |
| | Rosse | 1580 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8RZ-WZC?lang=en , batch B00388-1 |
| Size [S] | Syse | 1564 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVRB-N8F?lang=en , batch M00207-1 |
| | Syze | 1631 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NGMR-ND4?lang=en , batch P00963-1 |
| | Sysse | 1562 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVRB-H2S?lang=en , batch M00207-1 |
| Sizer [S] | Siser | 1596 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVB4-N29?lang=en , batch M00935-1 |
| | Sizer | 1593 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J3QQ-WL3?lang=en , batch C03060-2 |
| Susan | Susan | 1583 | DMNES s.n. Susan, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Susan |
| | Suzan | 1583 | DMNES s.n. Susan, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Susan |
| | Sussan | 1587 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJQW-LM1?lang=en , batch M00080-4 |

SH: the sound /ʃ/

Mid-Name - S. SH. SS

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|--|
| Brushwood [S] | Bruswood | 1598 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8Y7-646?lang=en , batch B02775-2 |
| | Brushwood | 1594 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N6DM-SQG?lang=en , batch M01464-2 |
| Cashmore [S] | Casmore | 1581 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NV44-FPP?lang=en , batch M03966-2 |
| | Cashmore | 1570 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XX1J-VMC?lang=en , batch V01412-9 |
| | Cassmore | 1593 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N214-BLF?lang=en , batch M01030-1 |
| Cushing [S ⁸] | Cusin | 1571 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N27B-J92?lang=en , batch M10976-1 |
| | Cushin | 1545 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NB79-W2B?lang=en , batch C04147-1 |
| | Cussin | 1543 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J3JG-TLN?lang=en , batch C09681-2 |

⁸ See HCM s.n. Cushing and ibid s.n. Cussen for more information on this surname's parallel development.

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| Fishenden [S] | Fisenden | 1587 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JZLT-H53?lang=en , batch B05286-6 |
| | Fishenden | 1575 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLC4-X2J?lang=en , batch M13153-1 |
| | Fissenden | 1581 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NK4L-TYR?lang=en , batch M14800-1 |

X: the sound /ks/

Mid-Name - C, CK, K, X

We currently only have evidence of this pattern preceding the suffix -son. The doubled 's' in names like Jacks-son and Nicks-son seems to become a single letter s, and the 'possessive' /s/ sound appears to collapse into the /k/ sound to create the /ks/ sound as a result.

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|-------------------|------------|------|--|
| Dixon [S] | Dicson | 1569 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5K9-XW5?lang=en , batch M00149-1 |
| | Dickson | 1584 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8R3-PQ2?lang=en , batch B00461-3 |
| | Dikson | 1561 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLZS-BQ2?lang=en , batch M00059-1 |
| | Dixon | 1557 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8R3-4JP?lang=en , batch B00461-3 |
| Jackson [S] | Jacson | 1562 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJ1G-WB4?lang=en , batch M01238-1 |
| | Jackson | 1559 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8R3-CNR?lang=en , batch B00461-3 |
| | Jakson | 1576 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JZMS-J6G?lang=en , batch B03595-0 |
| | Jaxson | 1568 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JC5W-823?lang=en , batch B03136-7 |
| Nixon [S] | Nicson | 1564 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NG5C-WL9?lang=en , batch C02569-2 |
| | Nickson | 1572 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JCQL-R66?lang=en , batch B02569-3 |
| | Nikson | 1579 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJQW-XBQ?lang=en , batch M00080-4 |
| | Nixson | 1575 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVX4-YXR?lang=en , batch M10851-3 |
| Patrickson [S] | Patrickson | 1580 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJ1S-TYH?lang=en , batch M05831-2 |
| | Patricson | 1596 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5KS-MPM?lang=en , batch M00147-1 |
| Rickson [S] | Ricson | 1555 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKR5-6QT?lang=en , batch M00577-1 |
| | Rickson | 1574 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NL9V-VQD?lang=en , batch M06187-1 |
| | Rixson | 1572 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J3Q6-4Q1?lang=en , batch C05508-1 |

Terminal - CKS, KS, X

| Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
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| Fox [S] | Focks | 1538 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8T7-JTL?lang=en , batch B39064-5 |
| | Foks | 1588 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N51T-LZF?lang=en , batch P01505-1 |
| | Fox | 1576 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8R3-XJ3?lang=en , batch B00461-3 |
| Hawks [S] | Hawcks | 1583 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLSK-SLW?lang=en , batch M07225-2 |
| | Hawks | 1584 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JC96-7NY?lang=en , batch B00047-6 |
| | Hawx | 1565 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NGF3-898?lang=en , batch C02632-1 |
| Marks [S] | Marcks | 1594 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NX9T-ZNL?lang=en , batch M15347-1 |
| | Marks | 1562 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJLF-5YX?lang=en , batch M00076-8 |
| | Marx | 1574 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N591-Q4V?lang=en , batch C05074-1 |

NG: the sound /ŋ/

The sound that is represented in modern IPA as /ŋ/ is represented in modern English with the words sing, linger, and pink. It is written as *n* before another consonant and *ng* before a vowel or in the terminal position. We do not currently have any evidence that this sound follows any other rules in Early Modern English.

Doubled consonants

The sounds represented below do not appear to be represented by any other letter aside from a single or double of the same consonant. We only have evidence of a single letter being written as doubled in the initial spot; the letter *f* is frequently written as *ff* to indicate that it is capital. We do not have evidence that any other letter was treated this way. None of the examples below have a double consonant following another consonant; they all follow vowels. Doubled consonants that follow other consonants appear in tables representing other sounds.

Sometimes, doubling a consonant in the middle of a name protects a short vowel sound; compare the Modern English words *super* and *supper*. This is commonly referred to as the “[Rabbit Generalization](#)”, and evidence of its emergence can be seen throughout Early Modern English. Names seem to follow this generalization less (see *Wagon* and *Waggon* above), but more data is needed to make this determination. For more information about this phenomenon, see: Altmiller, Ruth et al. “Double trouble: Using spellings of different lengths to represent vowel length in English.” *Journal of experimental child psychology* vol. 231 (2023): 105649. doi:10.1016/j.jecp.2023.105649. <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC10193830/>

Doubled mid-name

| | Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|---|---------|---------|------|--|
| B | Lebbeus | Libeus | 1559 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8RZ-7NL?lang=en , batch B00388-1 |
| | | Libbeus | 1567 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8RZ-7YC?lang=en , batch B00388-1 |
| | Mabel | Mabell | 1580 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8R3-V21?lang=en , batch B00461-3 |
| | | Mabbell | 1587 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8RS-B59?lang=en , batch B00461-3 |

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|---|------------------------------|----------|---------|--|
| | Sibyl | Sibell | 1571 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JC9H-M2N?lang=en , batch B39202-5 |
| | | Sibbell | 1585 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8R3-PPR?lang=en , batch B00461-3 |
| L | Alan | Alen | 1551 | DMNES s.n. Alan, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Alan |
| | | Allen | 1550 | DMNES s.n. Alan, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Alan |
| | Philip | Philip | 1579 | DMNES s.n. Philip, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Philip |
| | | Phillip | 1579 | DMNES s.n. Philip, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Philip |
| | William | Wiliam | 1558/59 | DMNES s.n. William, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/William |
| | | William | 1558/59 | DMNES s.n. William, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/William |
| M | Ammiell | Amiell | 1593 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NRWG-F27?lang=en , batch C07241-1 |
| | | Ammiell | 1583 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NR8S-Q86?lang=en , batch C10976-1 |
| | Emma | Eme | 1540 | DMNES s.n. Emma, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Emma |
| | | Emme | 1545 | DMNES s.n. Emma, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Emma |
| | Hammer | Hamar | 1590 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JM7Z-1PJ?lang=en , batch C00633-1 |
| | | Hammar | 1585 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V526-85R?lang=en , batch M00160-1 |
| N | Daniel | Daniel | 1591 | DMNES s.n. Daniel, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Daniel |
| | | Danniel | 1597 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJ1M-25G?lang=en , batch M13062-1 |
| | Innocent | Inocent | 1566 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JMPL-MD9?lang=en , batch C07089-1 |
| | | Innocent | 1570 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N8PQ-CPG?lang=en , batch C00807-5 |
| | Jennet | Jenet | 1558 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8RZ-742?lang=en , batch B00388-1 |
| | | Jennet | 1557 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8R3-WYG?lang=en , batch B00461-3 |
| P | Apollo | Apollo | 1580 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J94M-T68?lang=en , batch C13807-1 |
| | | Appollo | 1575 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NBFS-9F4?lang=en , batch C13807-1 |
| | Dapper ⁹ [S] | Daper | 1559 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NKDV-35W?lang=en , batch M00161-1 |
| | | Dapper | 1593 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N24T-G3F?lang=en , batch M05175-1 |
| | Topping ¹⁰ [S] | Toping | 1589 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NG7X-19D?lang=en , batch C02817-2 |
| | | Topping | 1581 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8R3-G6G?lang=en , batch B00461-3 |

Doubled terminal

| | Modern | Period | Year | Citation |
|---|----------|--------|------|--|
| B | Babb [S] | Bab | 1578 | tps://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NJ1N-WPN?lang=en , batch M13002-1 |

⁹ The OED s.v. dapper adj. 1.a dates the spellings *daper* to 1530 and *dapper* to 1540.

¹⁰ The OED does not show that *toping* is used as a separate word until post-1650.

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| | | Babb | 1565 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8R3-G6G?lang=en , batch B00461-3 |
| | Dobb [S] | Dob | 1577 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVYZ-M9M?lang=en , batch M05875-3 |
| | | Dobb | 1568 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J85R-4JH?lang=en , batch B39474-6 |
| | Webb [S] | Web | 1577 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JC9D-2JC?lang=en , batch B00047-6 |
| | | Webb | 1587 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JZ8W-MM8?lang=en , batch B04730-9 |
| L | Isabell | Isabel | 1550 | DMNES s.n. Isabel, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Isabel |
| | | Isabell | 1550 | DMNES s.n. Isabel, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Isabel |
| | Mabel | Mabel | 1583 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NNCK-RM6?lang=en , batch M01479-9 |
| | | Mabell | 1567 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JC94-128?lang=en , batch B39202-5 |
| | Sibyl | Sybil | 1585 | DMNES s.n. Sibyl, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Sibyl |
| | | Sybill | 1548/9 | DMNES s.n. Sibyl, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Sibyl |
| M | Gem [S] | Jeme | 1562 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NG84-5PB?lang=en , batch C02551-1 |
| | | Jemme | 1598 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NYVB-S6R?lang=en , batch C02722-2 |
| | Ham [S] | Ham | 1571 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NVZS-2MB?lang=en , batch M01377-1 |
| | | Hamm | 1595 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NL3S-M3T?lang=en , batch M13270-1 |
| | Sim [S] | Sim | 1592 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V5VW-XNY?lang=en , batch M00618-2 |
| | | Simm | 1559 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N23G-BHC?lang=en , batch M00766-1 |
| N | Anne | An | 1542 | DMNES s.n. Anne, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Anne |
| | | Ann | 1542 | DMNES s.n. Anne, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Anne |
| | Herman | Herman | 1547 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2ZK-BMN?lang=en , batch M09865-2 |
| | | Hermann | 1538 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V526-ZTX?lang=en , batch M00165-1 |
| | John ¹¹ | Jon | 1561 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JCTL-QJK?lang=en , batch B03428-4 |
| | | Jonn | 1565 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NLZJ-HJ2?lang=en , batch M00009-1 |
| P | Dapp [S] | Dap | 1581 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NK4V-N4S?lang=en , HCM s.n. Dapp |
| | | Dapp | 1572 | HCM s.n. Dapp, Roger Dapp |
| | Philip | Phillip | 1547 | DMNES s.n. Philip, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Philip |
| | | Phillipp | 1547 | DMNES s.n. Philip, England, Early Modern English, https://dmnes.org/name/Philip |
| | Pope [S] | Pope | 1595 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JDQQ-5T1?lang=en , batch B00069-1 |
| | | Poppe | 1571 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2R6-2YT?lang=en , batch M00818-1 |
| | Tripp [S] | Trip | 1596 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:N2D7-1M8?lang=en , batch M04494-1 |

¹¹ Both of the spellings used in this entry can also be found in *FamilySearch* records to represent the feminine name *Joan*.

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| | | Tripp | 1586 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J8Y4-B5H?lang=en , batch B02595-3 |
| | Tupp [S] | Tupe | 1547 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JQLD-KRQ?lang=en , batch C01966-2 |
| | | Tuppe | 1547 | https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NYNC-9XZ?lang=en , batch C01966-2 |