

Origin and Significance of Some South Bend Surnames

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the old English barrator, which means "one who stirs up strife between the king's subjects either at law or otherwise." Bean and Beane are Scotch abbreviations of Benjamin. Berry is the name of one of the old provinces of France. Bigins in Scotland and England means "a house of large size as opposed to a cottage." Blade, Blaisdell, Bleyers is the corruption of "Blanch-minister, a term applied to a group of religious communities in England. Blank, Blankett, Blanchett come from the French blanc, meaning "white." Bodkin in old English means "little man." Bowen, Boone, Bone, Bohun comes from Bowness, the name of a town in England. Booth, Boots, Bootell come from booth, and means "a house or shed built of boards." Bradbee is the name of an English town. Brandy comes not from intoxicating beverages, but from an old Scandinavian word meaning "a sword." Buckley means "a crown made of laurel berries." Baumgartner is German and signifies a tree gardener. Barry and Burry came down from a town in England. Busse, Buss, Bushe are nicknames of Barnabas. Butters, Butterworth, Butterwic, Buttermere are all English names which came from bode, meaning "a house, mansion or habitation."

MORE STRANGE DERIVATIONS.

Canter, Canton and Cantwell mean "singer." Cashman and Casement mean "strong man." Caldwell, Caudle, Caudwell first came from the town of Caudwell in England. Chataway, Cattaway, Hathway, Hathaway and Hadaaway came from an old German word that once meant "strong, warlike, a soldier, warrior or hero." Chase means "chosen or elected." Cherry is a French name, the name of a French town. Chipp is Anglo-Saxon and means "a bargain sale, business, price." Coffey means "victorious." Coffin and Koffin mean "helmeted." Cold is another form for "gold." Conover means "over a bank." Cooley, Colley, Cowley all come from a name of a Scotch township. Cork, Corrick, Core, Corey all mean "a moor." Croake, Crockett, Crooks, Crooke and Duroe all come from a French word meaning "a sort of lance." Crawford, Crowfoot and Craudfurd come from Crawford, the name of a town in Scotland. Cobb, Copp, Cope, Kopping, Coppinger, Coppaz, Copin, Copus, Cobbing and Coppens all come from the old Danish "head, or sometimes a spider." Cushing means in old English "calf." Cuthill, Cuttle, Cuthbert all are derived from the name of an English town, Cuttle.

Dailey means field; Damsen, Adamson, "the son of a dame;" Dandy, Denny, Dand come from D'Aunai in France; Desch, Descher, Darke, from the town of Argues in France; Deeds, Deedy, Davis, means "Conveying;" Dewees is "English waters." Devoll, Devall, Divoll are said to come from diabol meaning "devil," but more likely they are derived from the French for "village." Dumont and Diamond stand for "ironmaster." Even the famous Doe has an origin. It came from the Norman and meant "water." Doll meant always "a woman." Drew, Drewett, Druit were originally nicknames for "Andrew." Dunn and Dunning mean "meadow."

"THE EDGE OF A WORD."

Eger, Hedge, Hagus, Haig, Haigh all means "the edge of a sword." Emmett, Emerson, Hemon, Emson meant in old English "an uncle," or possibly they are abbreviations of the Christian name Emily.

Fairfield originally meant "a sheep field; Faul, "a gypsy;" Farwell, a "sheep dwelling;" Fair, Phair, Phayer, "a man, hero." Feather is a corruption of "Theodore;" Flig means "beech-tree;" Philpot is a diminutive of Philip; Finch is a corruption of Wingham, which is also a corruption of "Vincent;" Frost, Forrest and Forest all mean as is easily seen "a gathering of trees;" Furniss, Frnace, Fourness, Fournier are carried from the Norman town of Fournieux.

Gaines, Gane, Galney are from the English town of Gaines Coine. Cable, Cumbol, Gambol mean "old age." Gammon, Gammons mean in old Irish "a calf of the plain." Garlick means "warlike." Garman, Garmant, Gorman, Jorman, Germain, Jermain all mean in old German "adverse in war." Ghergekn, Jerkins, Gerke are old English for "a spear." Glass comes from the Gaelic meaning "grey." Goodman is old German and means "powerful in war." Goodwin, Godwin, Goodwine all mean "victorious prince or powerful friend." Goodyear means "woodman." Gore, Goare, Gover mean in the old Welsh language "a strong mound or tower." Griffin, Griffith meant at one time "a Welshman." Grimm, Grimes, Grimsdale come from old English for grammar. Gunther, Gunter and Gumboll meant in the old German "bold in war." Gump means "down hill." Gauthier and Gautier are simply the old French for "Walter."

FROM GERMAN HISTORY.

Hager, Haggard, Hoogard, Huggard all meant "very high or big" at one time in early German history. Hale means "a moor or a river." Halestone, Halstein, Halston, comes from an English word which once meant "a hill or a green moor." Hardman, Harriman, Hartman meant in old German "a strong man." Heavens is often spelt Evans, Evan and even Himmel. Herring and Hering means in early times "a war counselor."

Homer is easy for "hammer." Hood is a corruption of "wood."

Inche and Inches mean "island or river." Iron, Irons, Hiron, come from Jerome. Jolly comes from "Julius." Joy is a contraction of "Johannes and John."

Keene means in Gaelic "the leader." Kippen and Kippens is a corruption of Keeping. Lacey, Lace and De Laci was devised somehow from "Latin." Lamp, Lamport, Lamb are shortenings of the name of a Latin historian of the fourth century. Leach is from the Anglo-Saxon meaning "physician." From Legg, meaning a ley, a field, a place, the names of Blacklock, Burley, Conley, Dailey, Early Gravelly, Manly, Quigley and Whitley are derived. Lehman means in German at one time "a vassal." Lynch means a "small inland cliff." Luce is "Lucius" for short.

Mace, Macey, Maser are French corruptions of "Matthew." Mollard is old Irish for "a high promontory." Manners meant in old English "a strong, powerful protector." Mantell is derived from the town of Mansfield in England. May, Mays, come from a provincialism "me," meaning "meadow." Morrins is a corruption of Murray.

NAPOLEON'S NICKNAME.

Napp is a nickname for "Napoleon." Neale, Neele, Neal and Needie all meant "black." Nightingale comes from the bird of that name. Knott, Nott and Nutt comes from the ancient Scandinavian name Canute.

Otto, Oates, Orro are all corruptions of the Christian name "Otto." Otter, Other, Oter and Ottyr in old Saxon meant "the terror of an army."

Page is taken to be either the corruption of "peg," a nickname for Margaret or from "page, an attendant to a man of high rank." Paisley, Paisy and Paisley are all corruptions of the Christian name Paul. Peary and Pearce come no doubt from the French form of Peter. Perry also comes from the French for Peter. Plumber, Plume come from a word meaning "a clump of trees." Porte, Port, Porter and similar names are derivatives of an old Norman word meaning a fortification. Quinn, Queen, Quince were once the same and meant "royalty."

Rabbit comes from the old German word meaning "distinguished for counsel." Raymond means "a garment." Raikbaut, Reinboldt, Ramboux all mean in old German "famously bold." Redmond, Redmund, Ridman comes from "Redmile," a town in England. Rich is a corruption of "Richard." Ring in ancient times meant "a valiant, noble warrior." Roach, Roche, Roache all mean "rock." Roland, Rolls, Randolph and Rolfe all come from the Latin Regulus.

THE SHORT FOR SHERIFF.

Salmon comes from "Solomon." Sande, Sandager, Sands are old German terms meaning "an elector." Seabirt, Seabright and Sibert in old German meant "distinguished in victory." Sherry is the short for "sheriff." Simmer, Seymour, Seamer in the old Anglo-Saxon all meant "a tailor." Skingley, Skingley, Shenley, and Shelley are Anglo-Saxon for "beautiful meadow." Smoker and Smoger is English and once meant "polished." Stabbs, Stubbs, Stabbe come from "Staab, a market town in Bohemia." Starr means "a starling." Steade and Stead means "a place." Stonehart, Stonnard, Stennard, Steinhart and Steinhart all come from the German "Stein-hart," meaning "as strong as stone." Summerfield and Somersfield are corruptions of Somerville, an English township. Symons, Simonds, Symons all meant "seaman." Sweetland is an old name for Sweden.

Talbo is from the French and means "a wood cutter." Tarbert and Tarbath are Scotch and mean "a peninsula." Tarbox is taken from an estate in Lancashire in England. Terry is a corruption of the French name Thierry, which is derived from Theodoric. Tiffany and Tiffany come from Stephen. Tibbitt, Tippet and Tippets are old corruptions of Theobald. Tod and Todde are provincial words that once stood for "fox." Taber means "a well." Trimmings and Tremain meant in old English "a stone town." Truman means "a town on the sea coast." Tucker in the old times was "a man who milled cloth." Trumbull and Turnbull meant the "top of a hill." Twomey and Twining were corruptions from Theobald.

NAME FROM AN ANIMAL.

Utter and Otter meant the same, "a small animal" in old English. Waddell, Waddingworth, Wadsworth all come from Waddington, the name of a town in middle England. Walker came originally from "hoping." Wayne and Vane meant "little." Waters is sometimes considered to have come from "at-the-water." Webb meant "a weaver." Wheelock is a corruption of "William." White, in addition to having meant a complexion, also meant a "sharper, swordsmith and armorer." Whiting means in the Anglo-Saxon "a white meadow." Wiggs means "strong, warlike." Wilkes is an old way of saying "William." Wynne signifies "friendship and love." Woodrow means "a wood or forest bailiff." Wooley, Woolworth. Woolley all mean "a district abounding in wolves."

Yelle comes originally from the name of one of the Shetland Islands. Jelly, Jolly and Jelf are names from which Yellow is derived. Yewe means "tall" in old Danish.

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