**Abate**

GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

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

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

**Abela**

GB frequency, 1881: 4
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian, Maltese

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

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

**References:**
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**Adamo**

Current frequencies: GB: 129, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

**Relationship name:** from the personal name *Adamo*, Italian form of *Adam*.

**Agostini**

Current frequencies: GB: 138, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 6
main GB location, 1881: Middx
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

**Relationship name:** based on the personal name *Agostino*, a pet form of *Agosto* (Augustus).

**Aiello**

Current frequencies: GB: 123, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Locative name: from any of several places in southern Italy called *Aiello*.

**Albanese**


GB frequency, 1881: 1

main GB location, 1881: -

main Irish location, 1847-64:

language/culture: Italian

Ethnic name: from Italian *albanese* 'Albanian'. Historically, there were several Albanian settlements in Italy, mainly in Abruzzo, Apulia, Campania, and Sicily.

**Alfano**


GB frequency, 1881: 0

main GB location, 1881: -

main Irish location, 1847-64:

language/culture: Italian
Locative name: from Alfano in Salerno province, Campania.

**Alfonso**


GB frequency, 1881: 3

main GB location, 1881: -

main Irish location, 1847-64:

Variants: Alonso.

language/culture: Spanish, Italian

Relationship name: from the personal name *Alfonso* (Visigothic *Adelfonsus* 'war-ready'). Compare Portuguese *Afonso*.

**Algeo**


GB frequency, 1881: 8

main GB location, 1881: Middx; Lancs

main Irish location, 1847-64: Donegal and Leitrim

Variants: Algie, Alger.

language/culture: Scottish

Nickname: the early spellings *Awldioy, Aldjeo, Aldjo, and Aldgeo* suggest a term of affection from Scots *auld* 'old' + *joy, jo, joe* 'joy, sweetheart, darling, lover' (Old French *joi* Middle English *joi, jo*, which can also signify 'good fortune' and 'mirth, music, laughter, jesting'). Alternatively, if the *-d-* is intrusive, *Algeo* may be from a phrase 'all joy, all good fortune', used as a farewell. The *-ge-* in *Algeo* is another spelling of *j*, the additional *-e-* indicating that the *g* is soft.

Early Bearers: (i) Scotland: William *Awldioy*, 1518 in *Edinburgh Burgh Records* (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Peter *Algeo*, burgess, 1550 in *Protocol Books Glasgow* (Paisley, Renfrews); John *Algeo*, burgess, 1603 in *Laing Charters* (Paisley), Peter *Aldjeo*, advocate, 1628 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Paisley); Thomas *Aldgeo*, 1628 in *Privy Council of Scotland Register* (Paisley); Peter *Algeo*, 1610 in *GI* (Edinburgh, Midlothan); William *Algeo*, 1610, Johne *Aldjo*, 1626, John *Algeo*, 1733 in *GI* (Glasgow, Lanarks);
Margrat Aljo, 1644 in IGI (Falkirk, Stirlings); John Algeo, 1675, Janet Aljoe, 1725 in IGI (Renfrew, Renfrews); Alexander Algeo, 1718 in IGI (Paisley, Renfrews); Katharine Aljo, 1728 in IGI (Falkland, Fife); David Aljoy, 1830 in IGI (Port Glasgow, Renfrews).

(ii) England: Mathew Algeo, 1653 in IGI (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); John Algeo, 1734 in IGI (Peover, Cheshire); Robert Algeo, 1829 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); John Algeo, 1875 in IGI (Liverpool, Lancs).

Other info: The name has been traced back genealogically to Peter Algeo, a burgess of Paisley in 1550, whose family is associated with the estate of Inchinnan near Paisley. A history of Renfrew, cited by Black, affirms that the family was "of Italian origin, the first of them having come from Rome in the suite of one of the abbots of Paisley." However, this is mere speculation; the name is not Italian.

Amato
GB frequency, 1881: 23
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
from a medieval personal name, Amato, Latin Amatus `beloved', i.e. by God.

Amori
Current frequencies: GB: 7, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from the medieval personal name Amore, literally 'love', sometimes bestowed on a foundling or 'love-child' born out of wedlock.
References: De Felice.

Anastasi
Current frequencies: GB: 250, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: S Italian
Relationship name: based on the personal name Anastasio (Latin Anastasius, from Greek anastasis `resurrection'). See also Anastasiou.

Andrea
GB frequency, 1881: 14
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from the personal name Andrea, Greek Andreas (see Andrew).
Early Bearers: Mosso Nicoto Andrea, born in Savona, Italy, in Census 1881 (Glamorgan); Amello Andrea, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Middx).
Andreoli
GB frequency, 1881: 20
main GB location, 1881: Midlothian
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from a pet form of the Italian personal name Andrea (see Andrew).
Early Bearers: Mauro Andreoli, 1859, Jeovara Marie Andreoli, 1863 in IGI (Edinburgh, Midlothian).

Angela
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
variant (feminine form) of Angelo.

Angeli
Current frequencies: GB: 161, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: based on the personal name Angelo; see Angelo.

Angelinetta
GB frequency, 1881: 24
main GB location, 1881: Wilts
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from a pet form of the Italian personal name Angelo.
Early Bearers: John Angelinetta, 1855, Lucy Angelinetta, 1860 in IGI (Wootton Bassett, Wilts); Louis Angelinetta, looking glass maker, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (London); John Angelanetta, furniture dealer, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Wilts).

Angelo
GB frequency, 1881: 48
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Angeli, Angelo.
language/culture: Italian
from the personal name Angelo (compare Angel).
Early Bearers: Francesco S. Angelo, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Lancs).
language/culture: Italian
see Dangelo.
Antonelli
GB frequency, 1881: 9
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: based on the personal name Antonello, a diminutive of Antonio (see Anthony).

Antoni
Current frequencies: GB: 148, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 8
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: based on the personal name Antonio (see Anthony).
Early Bearers: Antonio Antoni, 1774 in IGI (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Gulielmus Antoni, 1803 in IGI (Bristol); Gambra Antoni, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (London); Bertoni Antoni, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Carlisle, Cumb).
language/culture: German, Dutch
Relationship name: humanist name from the genitive case of the Latin personal name Antonius (see Anthony).
Early Bearers: Karl Antoni, born in Germany, in Census 1891 (Lancs).
language/culture: Greek
Relationship name: shortened form of Antonis, Antoniadis, or Antonidakis, all from the personal name Antonios.
Early Bearers: Demetre Antoni, born in Greece, in Census 1891 (Monmouths).

Antoniazzi
Current frequencies: GB: 128, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 9
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from a pejorative form of the given name Antonio (see Anthony).

Antonio
GB frequency, 1881: 65
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian, Portuguese, Spanish
from the personal name Antonio (see Anthony).
Early Bearers: (i) Portuguese, Indian: Augustin Rogue [Roque] Antonio, 1706 in IGI (Kirk Merrington, Durham); Francis, son of Francisco Antonio, 1715 in IGI (Falmouth, Cornwall); Jeaquin [Joaquin] Antonio, 1799 in IGI (Liverpool, Lancs); Manuel Antonio, 1816 in IGI (Chester le Street, Durham); Luis Antonio, born in India, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy).
(ii) Italian: Rolando Antonio, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Shadwell, Middx).
Other info: As a Portuguese family name, this was probably brought to Britain, at least in part, via the Goa and other former Portuguese colonies.

**Apicella**

GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Southern Italian

*Nickname, occupational name:* from a diminutive of *apa* 'bee', possibly given to an industrious person or perhaps to a beekeeper.

**April**

Current frequencies: GB: 31, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: Lancs
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: *April*.
1 language/culture: Italian, Dutch, German

*Nickname:* anglicization of Italian or Dutch *Aprile* or German *April(l)*, derived from the name of the month.

*Early Bearers:* Joseph *Aprille*, silversmith, born in foreign parts, in Census 1841 (Ballington, Essex); Henry *April*, born in Charlestown, America, in Census 1881 (Liverpool, Lancs); Maria *April*, born in Paarl, South Africa, in Census 1891 (Abercorn, W Lothian).

2 language/culture: English

*Nickname:* from Middle English *April*, the name of the month. Compare *Averill*. There is no evidence for the use of *April* as a given name before the 19th century. It is unknown if the medieval surname survived into modern times.

*Early Bearers:* Robert *Aprill’*, 1301 in Subsidy Rolls (Harwood, in Hackness, NR Yorks).

**Aquilina**

Current frequencies: GB: 354, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian, Maltese

(i) *Nickname:* from a diminutive of *aquila* 'eagle' (rarely if ever used as a male personal name).

(ii) *Relationship name:* from the female personal name *Aquilina*.

**Aquino**

GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Spanish, Portuguese, Italian

(i) *Relationship name:* from a personal name bestowed in honour of the Christian theologian Saint Thomas Aquinas (*Tommaso d’Aquino* in Italian).
(ii) **Locative name:** as an Italian family name, it may be from Aquino, the place where the theologian was born.

*Early Bearers:* Juan *Aquino*, 1711 in IGI (Kirk Merrington, Durham); Pedro *De Aquino*, 1814 in IGI

Jose *Aquino*, 1849 in IGI (Redmarshall, Durham).

**Arcari**


GB frequency, 1881: 4
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

(i) **Occupational name:** based on the occupational term *arcaro* 'bow maker'.

(ii) **Occupational name:** based on the homonym *arcaro* (Latin *arcarius*), denoting the treasurer of a city, guild, or other institution.

**Ardizzone**


GB frequency, 1881: 
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian (Sicilian)

from a medieval personal name of Germanic origin, from *Ardizon*, the oblique stem of *Ardizo*, a pet form of any of several personal names formed with the element *ard-* `hard, tough, bold'. Compare English *Hardy*.

**Arpino**

Current frequencies: GB: 179, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881: 
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

**Locative name:** from Arpino in Frosinone province, Lazio.

**Arrighi**


GB frequency, 1881: 30
main GB location, 1881: Midlothian
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

**Relationship name:** from the Italian personal name *Arrigo*, a variant of *Enrico*, the Italian form of the Continental Germanic personal name *Haimric, Heinric, Henric*. Compare Henry.

*Early Bearers:* Poldo Arrighi, 1857 in IGI (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Louis Arrighi, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Yorks).

**Ascoli**


GB frequency, 1881: 20
main GB location, 1881: London
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Locative name: from Ascoli Piceno (Marche) or Ascoli Satriano (Apulia).
Early Bearers: Jane Ascoli, scholar, in Census 1851 (London).

Attard
GB frequency, 1881: 3
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Maltese
Relationship name: from the medieval Italian personal name Attardo, which is of Germanic origin.
Early Bearers: Joseph Attard, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy); Carucalo Attard, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy).
References: Cassar

Aubery
Current frequencies: GB: 29, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 95
main GB location, 1881: scattered
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: English, Italian
see Aubrey.

Averillo
GB frequency, 1881: 33
main GB location, 1881: London
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Nickname: from a diminutive of Italian avaro 'miser, stingy person'.
Early Bearers: Zachariah Avarillo, 1758 in IGI (Portsea, Hants); Mary Averillo, 1793 in IGI (Clapham, Surrey); Francis Lloyd Averillo, 1795 in IGI (Guildford, Surrey).

Azzopardi
Current frequencies: GB: 492, Ireland: 5.
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: southern Italian, Maltese
Ethnic name, occupational name: from the medieval Greek word atsoupas 'Mauritanian, Moor, Black person' (plural atsoupadēs), which also came to mean 'mercenary soldier'. The medieval Greek word probably derives ultimately from Old Persian takhma spada 'army', modern Persian sipah. The modern form seems to have been influenced by Italian (gatto)pardo 'serval' (a species of wild cat), which features on the arms of the Sicilian princely di Lampedusa family.
Early Bearers: Joseph Azzopardi, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy).
Other info: There is no evidence to support the belief that the name is of Sephardic Jewish origin or that it means 'Sephardic'.

**Baldacchino**
GB frequency, 1881: 
main GB location, 1881: - 
main Irish location, 1847-64: 
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from the personal name Baldacchino, a diminutive of Baldaccio, variant of Baldo, itself a pet form of any of various personal names formed with the Germanic element bald 'bold, brave', such as Baldovino, Garibaldo, and Tebaldo.
References: De Felice

**Barbara**
GB frequency, 1881: 8 
main GB location, 1881: London 
main Irish location, 1847-64: 
language/culture: Italian, Spanish, Portuguese
Relationship name: from the female personal name Barbara, which was borne by a popular saint, whose life is the subject of legend rather than historical fact. Compare English Barbary.
Early Bearers: (i) Giovanni Barbara, born in Switzerland, in Census 1881 (Battersea, Surrey); Caroline Barbara, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Sussex); Domenico Barbara, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Lancs). (ii) Malta: Carmelo Barbara, Jose Barbara, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy); Carlo Barbara, Michael Barbara, born in Malta, in Census 1901 (Royal Navy); Salvatore Barbara, Ricardo Barbara, Vincent Barbara, born in Malta, in Census 1911 (Royal Navy).

**Barbato**
GB frequency, 1881: 1 
main GB location, 1881: - 
main Irish location, 1847-64: 
language/culture: Italian
Nickname: from barbato 'bearded', from barba 'beard' (Latin barba).
Early Bearers: Mary Barbato, 1790 in IGI (Bethnal Green, Middx); Antonio Barbato, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (London).

**Barbieri**
GB frequency, 1881: 13 
main GB location, 1881: Middx 
main Irish location, 1847-64: 
language/culture: Italian
Occupational name: based on barbiere 'barber-surgeon', from Late Latin barbarius, a
derivative of *barba* 'beard'. Compare *Barber*.

**Early Bearers:** Pietro Barbieri, in *Census 1851* (Middx); Jemocente Barbieri, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Klockholt, Kent); Luigi Barbieri, born in Italy in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Guilo Barbieri, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (London).

**Barrella**

*Current frequencies:* GB: 149, Ireland: 0.
*GB frequency, 1881:* 9
*main GB location, 1881:* -
*main Irish location, 1847-64:* Italian

**Relationship name:** from a derivative of the Germanic personal name *Baro*. Compare *Barone*.

*Early Bearers:* Domnict Barrella, *Census 1841* (Northumb); Pietro Barrella, born in Italy, in *Census 1861* (Middx); Apppollonia Barrella, 1863 in IGI (Durham, Durham); Peter Barrella, looking glass maker, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx); Secondo Barrella, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Gloucs); Pauls Barrella, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (London).

**Bari**

*GB frequency, 1881:* -
*main GB location, 1881:* -
*main Irish location, 1847-64:* Arabic, Muslim

**Relationship name:** from an Arabic personal name based on *bāri* 'originator'.

**Other info:** *Al-Bāri* 'the Creator' is an attribute of Allah. The personal name *ʿAbd-al-Bāri* means 'servant of the Creator'.

*Language/culture:* Italian

**Locative name:** from the Adriatic port of Bari, chief city of Apulia.

**Barone**

*Current frequencies:* GB: 181, Ireland: 10.
*GB frequency, 1881:* 1
*main GB location, 1881:* -
*main Irish location, 1847-64:* Italian

**Variants:** Baron

1. **Language/culture:** Italian

**Relationship name:** from the Germanic personal name *Baro*, or to a lesser extent the title *barone* 'baron', both derivatives of an unattested word *bara* 'free man'.

*Early Bearers:* Adrian Barone, born in Italy, in *Census 1881*; Battesta Barone, born in Italy, in *Census 1891*; Francesco Barone, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (London).

2. **Language/culture:** English, Scottish

Other archaic variant of Baron.

*Early Bearers:* (i) England: Robtus Barone, 1542 in IGI (Ugborough, Devon); Elizabetha Barone, 1575 in IGI (Netherseal, Leics); Thomas Barone, 1617 in IGI (Barnstaple, Devon).

(ii) Scotland: John Barone, 1717 in IGI (Dalgety, Fife).

**Barretto**
Current frequencies: GB: 153, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
from barretto 'cap', presumably a nickname. Compare Spanish Barreto.
Early Bearers: Serefius Barreto, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Notts).

Bartolo
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian, Maltese
Relationship name: from a short form of Bartolomeo, Italian form of Bartholomew.
Early Bearers: Henrietta Bartolo, 1835 in IGI (Clifton, Gloucs); Lorenzo Bartolo, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy); Giovanni Bartolo, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy); Carmelo Bartolo, born in Malta, in Census 1901 (Royal Navy); Giuseppe Bartolo, born in Malta, in Census 1901 (Royal Navy).

Bassi
GB frequency, 1881: 15
main GB location, 1881: Lancs
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
Variants: Basi.
1 language/culture: Indian (Panjab)
Sikh, based on the name of a Jat clan.
2 language/culture: Italian
(i) Nickname: from the nickname basso 'low, thickset'.
(ii) Relationship name: from Bassus, a family name of the Republican period.
Early Bearers: Anthony Bassi, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Eccleston in Prescot, Lancs); Antonio Bassi, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Walthamstow, Essex); Francesco Bassi, itinerant musician, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Holborn, Middx); Angelo Bassi, ice cream seller, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Clerkenwell, Middx); Giuseppe Bassi, born in Switzerland, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx); Antonio Bassi, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Lancs); Ernesto Bassi, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (London) Pietro Bassi, born in Switzerland, in Census 1911 (London).

Battista
Current frequencies: GB: 194, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 3
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from the medieval personal name (Giovanni) Battista, from the distinguishing epithet of Saint John the Baptist. Compare Baptiste, Baptista, and Batista.

Belli
GB frequency, 1881: 19
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: based on the nickname and personal name Bello 'handsome'.
Early Bearers: (i) Mark Belli, 1603 in IGI (Durham); Dorothea Belli, 1604, Perciuallus Belli, 1614 in IGI (Wensley, NR Yorks); Grace Belli, 1766 in IGI (Westminster, Middx).
(ii) Giovanni Conte Belli, 1837 in IGI (Saint Pancras, Middx); Stefano Belli, 1867 in IGI (Edinburgh); Luigi Belli, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Middx); Enrico Belli, born in Rome, in Census 1881 (Middx); Giuseppe Belli, born in Naples, in Census 1881 (Middx).

Bellini
GB frequency, 1881: 14
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
based on the nickname Bellino, a diminutive of Bello (see Bello).
Early Bearers: Henry Ferdinand Napoleon Linari Bellini, 1860 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); Pio Bellini, 1857 in IGI (Edinburgh); Antonio Bellini, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (London); Louis Bellini, born in Genoa, Italy, in Census 1881 (East Molesey, Surrey).

Bello
GB frequency, 1881: 7
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: English
variant of Bellow.
Early Bearers: Sarah Bello, 1604 in IGI (Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk); Sarah Bello, 1771 IGI (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Alfred G. Bello, 1880 IGI (Croydon, Surrey).
2 language/culture: Italian, Spanish
(i) Nickname: from bello `fair, handsome'.
(ii) Relationship name: from the same word used as given name in medieval Italian.
Early Bearers: Domingo Bello, 1807 IGI (Milton Bryant, Beds); Andrew Rucardo Bello, 1819 IGI (Southwark, Surrey); Maria de las Nieves Bello, 1843 IGI (Chalgrave, Beds).
3 language/culture: Nigerian
from the Fulani name Bello of unclear origin, well known as that of a leading administrator of the Fulani empire in Hausaland in the early 19th cent.

Bellotti
GB frequency, 1881: 13
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name, nickname: based on a diminutive of the nickname or personal name Bello (see Bello).
Early Bearers: Julius Bellotti, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Hulme, Lancs); Antony Bellotti, born in Switzerland, in Census 1881 (Middx).

Benedetti
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: based on the personal name Benedetto ('blessed').
Early Bearers: Pietro Benedite, sculptor moulder, born in Italy, in Census 1861 (Saint Pancras, Middx); Amelia Martha Giovanna Anunziade Eugenie Benedetti, 1865 in IGI (Staveley, Derbys); Giacinto Benedetti, hall porter, born in Switzerland, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx); Giuseppe Benedetti, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); Giacomo Benedetti, traveller in furs, born in Leghorn, Italy, in Census 1901 (Westminster, Middx); Arturo Ugo Benedetti, born in Camberwell, Surrey, in Census 1911 (Farnham, Surrey).

Bernardi
GB frequency, 1881: 7
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: based on the personal name Bernardo (see Bernardo).
Early Bearers: Nora Bernardi, 1578 in IGI (Landewednack, Cornwall); Prudentia Bernardi, 1639 in IGI (Croydon, Surrey); Thomas Bernardi, 1663 in IGI (Bulmer, Essex); Cristofolo Bernardi, 1774 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); Mary Ann Bernardi, 1813 in IGI (Yarmouth, Norfolk); Luigi Bernardi, 1800 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); John Bernardi, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Scarborough, ER Yorks); Giovanni Bernardi, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Birmingham, Warwicks).

Bernardo
GB frequency, 1881: 3
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian, Spanish, Portuguese
Relationship name: from the personal name Bernardo (see Bernardo).
Early Bearers: (i) Spanish: Pedro Bernardo, 1710 in IGI (Kirk Merrington, Durham); Aurilla Bernardo, born in Spain, in Census 1891 (London).
(ii) Italian: Luize Bernardo and Dominico Bernardo, in Census 1841 (Devon); Pangoni Bernardo, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Camden, Middx); Alfred Bernardo, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London).

Bernasconi
Current frequencies: GB: 125, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 47
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Locative name: denoting someone from Bernasca (Como province).
Early Bearers: Francis Bernasconi, 1789 in IGI (Lichfield, Staffs); Innocente Bernasconi, 1834 in IGI Beneditto Bernasconi, 1848 in IGI (Aldgate, Middx); Giuseppe Bernasconi, 1871 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); Antonio Bernasconi, born in Milan, Italy, in Census 1881 (Hinckley, Leics).

Berni
Current frequencies: GB: 127, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 6
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from a pet form of the personal name Bernardo.
Early Bearers: Luigi Berni, Census 1851 (Lancs); Octave Berni, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (London); Antonio Berni, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (London); Luiczi Berni, born in Piacenza, Italy, in Census 1881 (Pimlico, Middx); Francisco Berni, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Glamorgan).

Bertorelli
Current frequencies: GB: 121, Ireland: 5.
GB frequency, 1881: 15
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from a diminutive of the medieval Italian personal name Berto, a pet form of any of several Germanic personal names formed with bert (from behrt ‘bright, famous’).
Early Bearers: Antonio Bertorelli, Census 1851 (Middx); Francesco Bertorelli, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (London); Domenico, Luigi, and Giuseppe Bertorelli, all born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Camden, Middx).
Other info: The bearers of this surname in the 1881 census all lived in Little Saffron Hill, London. According to www.zigguratonline.com, the area between Hatton Garden and Clerkenwell Road was known as Little Italy in the 19th century.

Beschizza
GB frequency, 1881: 5
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
unexplained.
Early Bearers: Antonio Beschizza, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Camden, Middx); Sereno Beschizza, born in Italy Census 1881 (Camden, Middx); Luigi Beschizza, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London).

Bezzina
Current frequencies: GB: 144, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Maltese
Relationship name: of probably Italian origin, and debatable etymology.
Early Bearers: Lorenzo Bezzina, born in Malta, and Giacomo Bezzina, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy).
Other info: According to Cassar, despite a wide range of suggestions, "a legitimate interpretation is still elusive".
References: Cassar, p. 36.

Biagioni
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from an augmentative form of the personal name Biagio, from Latin Blasius.
Early Bearers: (i) Scotland: William Biagioni, in Census 1851 (Lanarks); Giuseppe and Enrico Biagioni, in Census 1901 (Lanarks).
(ii) England: Peter and John Biagioni, both born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London).

Bianchi
GB frequency, 1881: 134
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from Italian bianchi, plural or genitive singular of the nickname Bianco 'white'.
Early Bearers: Benedetto Bianchi, 1770 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); Franciscus Bianchi, 1801 in IGI (Holborn, Middx); Gaettano Bianchi, 1814 in IGI (Ipswich, Suffolk); Giovanni Bianchi, in Census 1841 (Suffolk); Isidore Bianchi in Census 1871 (Somerset); Lorenzo Bianchi, in Census 1881 (Sunderland, Durham); Benedetto Bianchi, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Tonbridge, Kent); Antonio Bianchi, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Cheshire).

Bianco
GB frequency, 1881: 16
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
Variants: Bianchi.
language/culture: Italian, Jewish (Sephardic)
Nickname, relationship name: from Italian bianco `white', originally a nickname for a man with white or fair hair or a pale complexion, or perhaps for someone who habitually wore white. This also became established as a personal name in Italian.
Early Bearers: (i) Italian: Francisco Bianco, in Census 1851 (Devon); Giovanni Bianco, in Census 1851 (Norfolk); Lorenzo Bianco, born in Italy, in Census 1861 (Middx); Domenico Bianco, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Marylebone, Middx); Antonio Bianco, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Durham); Domenico Bianco, cabinet manufacturer, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Hampstead, Middx); Francesco Bianco, art dealer, born in Torino [Turin], in Census 1911 (Westminster, Middx); Luca Bianco, confection, born in Cervaro, Italy, in Census 1911 (Hartepool, Durham).
(ii) Jewish: Moses J. Bianco, born in Syria, in Census 1881 (Chorlton on Medlock, Lancs); Adolphe Bianco, merchant shipper, born in Syria, in Census 1901 (Prestwich, Lancs); Simha Bianco, restaurant keeper, born in Syria, (sons Solomon, Isaac, and Moses), in Census 1901 (Manchester, Lancs).

Bloch
GB frequency, 1881: 8
main GB location, 1881: Warwicks
main Irish location, 1847-64: 
Variants: Block.
language/culture: Jewish (Ashkenazic)
Locative name: regional name for someone in Eastern Europe originating from Italy, from Polish włocho, meaning `Italian' (originally `foreigner').
Early Bearers: Israel Bloch, jeweller, born in Moisling, Germany, in Census 1861 (Norfolk); Nathan Bloch, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Birmingham, Warwicks); Regina Bloch, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Aston, Warwicks); Abraham Bloch, boot maker, born in Shoreditch, in Census 1891 (Bethnal Green, Middx); Barnard Bloch, tailor, born in Russia, in Census 1891 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Schwerl Bloch, rabbi, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Sunderland, Durham); Jacob Bloch, cabinet maker, born in Russia, in Census 1901 (Prestwich, Lancs); Nathan Bloch, tailor, born in Poland, in Census 1911 (Saint Pancras, Middx).

Bona
GB frequency, 1881: 53
main GB location, 1881: Carmarthens and Glamorgan
main Irish location, 1847-64: 
1 language/culture: Italian
from the female personal name Bona, feminine form of the Late Latin name Bonus `good'.
2 language/culture: Hungarian, Polish
Hungarian (Bóna) and Polish, from a pet form of the personal name Bonifác (Hungarian), Bonifacy (Polish) (see Boniface).

Bondi
Current frequencies: GB: 76, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: 
1 language/culture: Italian
(i) Relationship name: from the personal name Bondí, an omen name from buon di `good day'.
(ii) **Relationship name:** based on a reduced form of the personal name *Abbondio*, from the Latin personal name *Abundius*, from *abundus* `abundant'.

(iii) **Relationship name:** Italian (Tuscany), based on a pet form of any of various personal names beginning with *Bond*-., for example *Bondelmonte*.

*Early Bearers:* Toni and *Bondi*, born in Italy, in **Census 1901** (London); Oreste *Bondi*, born in Italy, in **Census 1901** (Sussex).

2 **language/culture:** Hungarian

**Relationship name:** from the Hungarian male personal name *Bond*.

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**Boni**

Current frequencies: GB: 183, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881: 4

main GB location, 1881: -

main Irish location, 1847-64:

1 **language/culture:** Italian

**Relationship name:** from a patronymic or plural form of the personal name *Bono*, meaning 'good'.

*Early Bearers:* Michell *Boni*, born in Italy, in **Census 1881** (Manchester); Arestide *Boni*, born in Italy, in **Census 1881** (London).

2 **language/culture:** English

a variant of *Boney* (2) that may have died out in recent times.

*Early Bearers:* Thomas *Boni*, 1711 in [IGI](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) (Hail Weston, Hunts); Sarah *Boni*, 1788 in [IGI](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) (Wellington, Somerset).

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**Bonnici**


GB frequency, 1881:

main GB location, 1881: -

main Irish location, 1847-64:

**language/culture:** Maltese and Italian (Sicily)

from the personal name *Bennici*, which is said to be from an Arabic personal name *Abū 'n-nagā*.

*Early Bearers:* John *Bonnici*, born in Malta, in **Census 1861** (Royal Navy); Amabile *Bonnici*, born in Malta, in **Census 1861** (Royal Navy); Antonio *Bonnici*, born in Susa Barbary, in **Census 1881** (Royal Navy); Lorenzo *Bonnici*, born in Malta, in **Census 1881** (Royal Navy); Franciso *Bonnici*, born in Malta, in **Census 1881** (Royal Navy).

**References:**

[Caracausi](http://www.ancestry.co.uk)

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**Bono**


GB frequency, 1881: 23

main GB location, 1881: N London

main Irish location, 1847-64:

**language/culture:** Italian, Maltese

see [Debono](http://www.ancestry.co.uk).

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**Borrelli**
Current frequencies: GB: 114, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Southern Italian

Locative name: from Borrello, which is either a topographic name from borro `gully; hole; grave' or from either of two places in Sicily called Borrello.

**Botto**
Current frequencies: GB: 133, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 13
main GB location, 1881: Durham; Glamorgan
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: of Italian origin, ultimately from a Germanic personal name Boddo or Botto.
Early Bearers: John Baptist Botto, 1826 in IGI (Bristol, Gloucs); Bernardo Botto, in Census 1841 (Middx); Sebastiano Botto, in Census 1851 (Somerset); Bartholomew Botto, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan); Michael Botto, born in Genoa, Italy, and his son, Joseph Botto, born in Anglesey, in Census 1881 (Durham); Josephum Botto, 1884 in IGI (Jarrow, Durham).

**Bove**
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: English unexplained; perhaps an occasional variant of Buff, for Bough.
Early Bearers: Rupert Bove, 1586 in IGI (Salehurst, Sussex); Petter, Ishmaell Bove, 1711 in IGI (Stithians, Cornwall); Martha Bove, 1796 in IGI (Bideford, Devon).

2 language/culture: Italian
Nickname: Italian and Catalan (Bové), from Italian bove, Catalan bové `ox' (from Latin bos, genitive bovis), used for a ploughman or herdsman or for someone thought to resemble an ox.
Early Bearers: Giuseppe Bove, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Wilts); Angele Bove, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Wilts); Jose Bove, in Census 1891 (Warwicks).

**Bregazzi**
GB frequency, 1881: 26
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian unexplained, found in Stazzona, Como province, Lombardy, Italy, in the 18th century (also as Bragazzi).
Early Bearers: Samuel Bregazzi, 1810 in Parish Registers (All Saints, Derby, Derbys); Louisa Bregazzi, 1835 in IGI (Derby, Derbys); Dom Bregazzi, born in Italy, in Census 1841 (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Carlo Bregazzi, carver and gilder, born in Italy, in Census 1861 (Hanley, Staffs); Joseph Bregazzi, hawker, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Wotton)
under Edge, Gloucs); Carlo *Bregazzi* born in Como, Italy, in Census 1881 (Bethnal Green, Middx); Giuseppina *Bregazzi*, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Conchan, IoM).

**Other info:** In the UK the name is now found chiefly in the Isle of Man, but originally also in Ashbourne (Derbys). The first immigrants are found about 1830.


### Brincat

**Current frequencies:** GB: 177, Ireland: 0.

- **GB frequency, 1881:** 1
- **main GB location, 1881:** -
- **main Irish location, 1847-64:** -

**language/culture:** Maltese

**Relationship name:** from a reduced form of the Italian personal name *Brincato*, from *Pancrazio* (Latin *Pancratius*).

**Early Bearers:** Alex Brincott, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Well Saint Destitute Sailors’ Asylum, Middx); Antonio *Brincat*, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy); Raffaele *Brincat*, born in Zaute, Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy).

**References:**

Cassar

### Bruno

**Current frequencies:** GB: 668, Ireland: 4.

- **GB frequency, 1881:** 26
- **main GB location, 1881:** Monmouths; Middx
- **main Irish location, 1847-64:** -

**language/culture:** Italian, Portuguese

(i) **Relationship name:** from the Germanic personal name *Bruno*.

(ii) **Nickname:** from *bruno* 'brown', referring to hair, complexion, or clothing.

(iii) **Locative name:** from any of several places named Bruno, for example in Asti province.

**Early Bearers:** Cesar Bruno, 1809 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); Carlo Manrigio Bruno, 1861 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); Stephen Bruno, born in Italy, in Census 1871, Census 1881 (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Joseph Bruno, born in Salerno, Italy, in Census 1891 (Monmouths); Pietro Bruno, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Cumb); Votale Bruno, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Warwicks).

### Cabot

**Current frequencies:** GB: 108, Ireland: 7.

- **GB frequency, 1881:** 225
- **main GB location, 1881:** Jersey
- **main Irish location, 1847-64:** -

**language/culture:** Channel Islands

**Nickname:** from Old French *cabot*, a diminutive of *cap* 'head', a word that was also used to denote a species of small fish with a disproportionaltely large head. The surname has been strongly associated with the island of Jersey from an early date.

**Early Bearers:** Marg’ Cabot, 1381 in Poll Tax (Longford, Shrops); John Cabot, 1490 in DNB (Bristol); John Cabot, 1624 in IGI (Jersey, CI); Christian Cabot, 1664 in IGI (Saint Ives, Cornwall).

**Other info:** The explorer John Cabot (about 1450-98) is sometimes said to have been of
Italian origin. However, while he certainly had an association with Venice, under the name Giovanni *Caboto*, he was probably not of Italian origin.

**Cabrelli**

Current frequencies: GB: 92, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

**Nickname:** from *caprello*, *cabrello*, a diminutive of *capra* 'female goat'.

*Early Bearers:* Andrew Cabrelli, born in Genoa, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Westminster, Middx).

**Cachia**

Current frequencies: GB: 178, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Maltese

**Nickname:** from an altered spelling of the Italian word *caccia* 'hunting'.

*Early Bearers:* Salies Cachia, born in Malta, in *Census 1901* (Royal Navy); Losario Cachia, born in Malta, in *Census 1901* (Royal Navy); Albert Cachia, born in Malta, in *Census 1901* (Royal Navy).

**Caesar**


GB frequency, 1881: 200
main GB location, 1881: Surrey; also Middx, Hants, and Sussex
main Irish location, 1847-64: Tipperary and Cork
language/culture: Italian, English

**Relationship name:** from the personal name *Cesar*, rare in Middle English but found occasionally both as a first name and as a surname; see *Cayzer*.

*Early Bearers:* (i) given names: Cesar clericus, 1185 in *Templars Records* (Yorks). (ii) surnames: Henry Sesare, 1334 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Kent); Ricardus Caiser, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (location unidentified); Edmund Caeser, 1633 in *PROB 11* (Dunton, Bucks); Robert Caesar, 1637 in *PROB 11* (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).

*Other info:* The chief family of the name with modern descendants is that of Sir Julius Caesar (1558–1636), who was of Italian extraction. His grandfather, Pietro Marie Adelmare, married Paola, daughter of Giovanni Pietro Caesarini, and one of his sons, Cesare Adelmare, emigrated to England in about 1550 and became physician to Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth. He died in 1569 and his children adopted *Caesar* as their surname.

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**Caira**


GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: language/culture: Italian
unexplained.
Early Bearers: Vincent Caira, born in Naples, Italy, in Census 1891 (Holborn, Middx); Antonino Caira, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Southwark, Surrey); Fortunato Caira, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Clerkenwell, Middx); Antonio Caira, born in London, in Census 1901 (Fulham, Middx); Filippi Caira, piano organ maker, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Holborn, Middx).

Callegari
Current frequencies: GB: 120, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 14
main GB location, 1881: Kent
main Irish location, 1847-64: language/culture: Italian
Occupational name: from an agent derivative of callega 'shoe' (Latin caliga 'military boot'), for a maker of footwear and leggings.
Early Bearers: Andrew S. Callegari, born in Clerkenwell, in Census 1861 (Islington, Middx); Andrew Callegari, born in Florence, Italy, in Census 1871 (Shoreditch, Middx).
Other info: Census records suggest there may have been some confusion with Calaghair.

Callus
Current frequencies: GB: 175, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: language/culture: Maltese
Nickname: reduced form of Italian Calluso, corresponding to standard Italian calloso, literally 'having a hard skin', figuratively 'callous, unfeeling'.
References: Cassar.

Calvo
GB frequency, 1881: 11
main GB location, 1881: Sussex
main Irish location, 1847-64: language/culture: Italian, Portuguese
Nickname: from calvo 'bald'.
Early Bearers: Maria Calvo, 1671 in IGI (Sedgefield, Durham); Thomas Calvo, 1809 in IGI (South Leith, Midlothian); Isabella Calvo, 1822 in IGI (Portsea, Hants); Juan Escudero Calvo, 1830, in IGI (Horsmonden, Kent); Gregorio Calvo, 1863 in IGI (Leighton Buzzard, Beds).

Camilleri
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: language/culture: Italian (Sicilian)
Occupational name: for a camel driver, from medieval Latin camelarius, medieval Greek
Canale
GB frequency, 1881: 10
main GB location, 1881: Surrey
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Locative name: from any of the numerous places in Italy called Canale, named with Latin canalis `channel, conduit'.
Early Bearers: Elizabeth Canale, 1663 in IGI (Kent); Antonia Canale, 1837 in IGI (Kent); Giuseppe Canale, 1881 in Census 1881 (Surrey).

Capaldi
GB frequency, 1881: 4
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Nickname: of uncertain origin, perhaps meaning 'headstrong, obstinate', from a derivative of capo 'head'.
Early Bearers: Vincenzo and Antonio Capaldi, born in Cassino, Italy, in Census 1881 (Birmingham, Warwicks); Antonio Capaldi, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Kingston upon Thames, Surrey); Luigi Capaldi, 1887 IGI (Glasgow, Lanarks).

Capocci
GB frequency, 1881: 5
main GB location, 1881: Middx
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Nickname: Southern Italian, from a derivative of capo 'head'.
Early Bearers: Phillippo Capocci, born in Naples, Italy, in Census 1881 (Mddx); Maria Capocci, 1887 IGI (Clifton, Gloucs).

Carlin
GB frequency, 1881: 1516
main GB location, 1881: Glasgow; Lancs; Notts and Derbys
main Irish location, 1847-64: N Ulster: esp. Down
Variants: Carline, Carland, Carlan, Caroline.
1 language/culture: Irish
from Ó Cearbhalláin, see Carolan.
2 language/culture: English
see Carling.
3 language/culture: Huguenot
Nickname: from French carlin, denoting a coin of Italian origin; the surname is typically Corsican.
Early Bearers: Pierre Carlin, 1641 in IGI (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot Church, London).

Carlo
Current frequencies: GB: 208, Ireland: 3.
GB frequency, 1881: 70
main GB location, 1881: London; Essex
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from the personal name Carlo, Italian form of Charles.
Early Bearers: Thea Carlo, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Kensington, Middx); Joseph Carlo, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Swansea, Glamorgan); Silvano Carlo, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx).

Carnevale
Current frequencies: GB: 157, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Nickname: from carnevale 'festival', perhaps given to someone born during one of the carnivals which customarily preceded a period of fasting such as Lent, or for an exuberant reveller.
Early Bearers: Andrea Carnevale, 1784 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); Joseph Carnevale, born in Naples, Italy, in Census 1881 (York).

Caro
GB frequency, 1881: 71
main GB location, 1881: Middx; also Lancs
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Carro, Carrow, Caroe.
1 language/culture: English
(i) Locative name: from either of two places called Carrow (in Norfolk and Notts) or from Carraw (Northumb).
(ii) Locative name: from Kerrow, a minor place-name in five west Cornish parishes, as suggested by the existence in the same parish of John Carowe, 1569 in Cornwall Muster, and William Kerrow, 1543 in Subsidy Rolls (Saint Agnes, Cornwall).
Early Bearers: Robert de Carov, 1159 in Pipe Rolls (Yorks); Alice de Carrow, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Umfrey Carow, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); Joanna Carrow, 1543 in IGI (Cherry Hinton, Cambs); William Carrow, 1552 in IGI (Saint Gerrans, Cornwall); Agnes Carro, 1563 in IGI (Swanton Morley, Norfolk); John Caroe, 1588 in PROB 11 (Saint Stephen Gloucester, Gloucs); Florella Carro, 1597 in IGI, Nicolas Carro, 1605 in IGI (Botusfleming, Cornwall); Samuel Carro, 1673 in IGI (Downham, Cambs); Margery Carrow, 1685 in IGI (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); Mary Caro, 1700 in IGI (Crowan, Cornwall); Wm. Carrah, 1703 in IGI (Bywell, Northumb); James Carro, 1777 in IGI (Sampford Arundel, Somerset); Thomas Caro, 1825 in IGI (Camborne, Cornwall).
2 language/culture: English
in Cornwall, probably also a variant of Carew. Compare Connar Carowe, 1525, and
Edmond Carew, 1543, both in Subsidy Rolls (Golant, Cornwall).

3 language/culture: Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Jewish (Sephardic)

Nickname: from Spanish or Portuguese caro `dear'.

Early Bearers: (i) Simon Caro, reader in synagogue, born in Poznan, in Census 1851 (Norwich, Norfolk); Myer Caro, born in Clechchovia [Kleczew in Poland], in Census 1881 (Birmingham, Warwicks); Benjamin Caro, furrier, born in Poland, in Census 1881 (Whitechapel, Middx); Esther Caro, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Birmingham, Warwicks); Barnett Caro, traveller, born in Birmingham, in Census 1891 (Kings Norton, Worcs); Hyman Caro, boot finisher, born in Russia Poland, in Census 1891 (Whitechapel, Middx); Lipman Caro, glazier, born in Germany, in Census 1901 (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb). (ii) Faustino Caro, apprentice electrical engineer, born in Spain, in Census 1911 (Barton upon Irwell, Lancs).

Other info: The Sephardic name was established among the Ashkenazim in Poland before being brought to Britain.

Carpanini

Current frequencies: GB: 153, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

Locative name: from a derivative of southern Italian Carpani, from Sicilian dialect carpano `white hornbeam'.

Early Bearers: Angelo Carpanini, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Middx); Giovanni Carpanini, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Middx).

References:
Caracausi

Carro


GB frequency, 1881: 14
main GB location, 1881: Somerset; Surrey
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: English

see Carro.

2 language/culture: Italian, Spanish

Nickname: from carro `wagon, cart', denoting a carter or cartwright.

Early Bearers: Charles Carro, born in Piedmont, Italy, in Census 1851; G. Carro, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx); Jesusa Rosa Carro, 1882 in IGI (Oakley, Beds).

Caruso

Current frequencies: GB: 297, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Nickname: from caruso 'close-cropped', denoting a bald or boyish man. In the Girgenti area of Sicily it was also used to denote a worker in the sulphur pits, where short hair was a requirement.

*Early Bearers:* Maria Caruesew, 1640 in IGI (Saint Kew, Cornwall); Francis Caruso, 1761 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); Anna Bellamira Caruso, 1781 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); Guiseppe Caruso, born in Turin, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Middx).

**Casali**

Current frequencies: GB: 116, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

**Locative name:** from a place in Sicily named Casali.

*Early Bearers:* Catherine Casali, 1778 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); Rosalinda Casali, 1780 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); Piere Casali, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Middx).

**Cascarino**

GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
unexplained; possibly a derivative of casco 'helmet'.

*Early Bearers:* Antonia Cascareno, in *Census 1891* (Worcs); Antonio Cascarino, in *Census 1901* (Islington, Middx).

**Cassar**

Current frequencies: GB: 674, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 12
main GB location, 1881: Surrey
main Irish location, 1847-64:
3 language/culture: English
unexplained.

*Early Bearers:* John Casour, 1493 in PROB 11 (Thorrington, Essex); James Cassar, 1653 in IGI (Channelkirk, Berwicks).
2 language/culture: Huguenot

**Relationship name:** possibly an English spelling of French Cassart.

*Early Bearers:* Francoise Cassart, 1738 in IGI (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot, London).
1 language/culture: Maltese

(i) **Occupational name:** from Arabic qaṣṣār 'fuller'.
(ii) **Locative name:** from Arabic qaṣr 'fortress'.
(iii) **Occupational name:** for a box-maker, from a derivative of Italian cassa 'box'.

*Early Bearers:* Lawrence Cassar, born in Malta, in *Census 1871* (Royal Navy); Giacinte Cassar, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Andrew Cassar, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy).

References: Cassar, pp. 72-73.
Castello
GB frequency, 1881: 117
main GB location, 1881: Yorks
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Irish
from Mac Oislealbaigh, see Costello.
Early Bearers: Margaret Castello, waste picker, born in Ireland, in Census 1851
(Manchester, Lancs); Mary Castello, born in Ireland, in Census 1861 (Dewsbury, WR
Yorks); Thos. Castello, iron works labourer, born in Ireland, Census 1871 (Birkenhead,
Cheshire); John Castello, farm servant, born in Ireland, in Census 1881 (Uttoxeter, Staffs).
2 language/culture: English
see Castlehow.
3 language/culture: Italian
Locative name, nickname: from castello 'castle, fortified building' (from Late Latin
castellum), used to denote someone who lived by a castle or in any of numerous places
named with this word. Alternatively, it may denote a servant who lived and worked at a
castle.
Early Bearers: Antonio Castello, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Birmingham, Warwicks);
Vergilio Castello, in Census 1881 (Wortley, WR Yorks); Paolo Castello, copper labourer,
born in Italy, in Census 1911 (West Ham, Essex).

Castiglione
Current frequencies: GB: 136, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 12
main GB location, 1881: WR Yorks
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Locative name: from any of the many places in Italy named with this word (from medieval
Latin castellio, -ionis `fortification').
Early Bearers: James Louis Castiglione, 1806 in IGI (Doncaster, WR Yorks); Mary Ann
Castiglione, 1829 in IGI (Whitby, NR Yorks); James Laurence Castiglione, 1848 in IGI
(Beverley, ER Yorks); Luigi G. Castiglione, born in Clerkenwell, in Census 1881 (Middx).

Castro
GB frequency, 1881: 56
main GB location, 1881: Middx
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
Variants: De Castro.
language/culture: Portuguese, Galician, Italian, Jewish (Sephardic)
Locative name: from any of the many places in Portugal, Galicia, and Italy named with
castro 'castle, fortress'.
Early Bearers: (i) Fernando Castro, 1796 in IGI (London); Mercedes Castro, born in New
Granada, in Census 1851 (Kensington, Middx); Antinio [sic] Castro, wine merchant, born
in Portugal, in Census 1881 (Liverpool, Lancs); Henrique Castro, born in Brazil, in Census
1881 (Isleworth, Middx); Joaquim Castro, born in Portugal, in Census 1891 (Stretford,
Lancs); Jose Castro, born in Spain, in Census 1911 (Lancs); Arnolfo Castro, divinity
student, born in Mexico, in Census 1911 (Hastings, Sussex); Placido Castro, born in Spain,
in Census 1911 (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

Catalano
Current frequencies: GB: 141, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Regional name: denoting someone from Catalonia in Spain.

Cataldo
Current frequencies: GB: 155, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Southern Italian
Relationship name: from the personal name Cataldo.

Cattini
Current frequencies: GB: 182, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 4
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Nickname: probably from Latin cattinus 'of a cat', denoting someone with yellowish green eyes.
Early Bearers: J. Cattini, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Clerkenwell, Middx); L. Cattini, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Middx).
References: Caracausi

Cauchi
Current frequencies: GB: 184, Ireland: 5.
GB frequency, 1881: 3
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Maltese, S Italian
(i) Nickname: apparently a variant of Italian Calchi, from the plural of calco 'tracing, rubbing', perhaps denoting an engraver.
(ii) Locative name: possibly from the Greek island of Chalki, Halki (Italian name Calchi) in the Aegean near Rhodes.
Early Bearers: Michael Cauchi, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Surrey); Baptist Cauchi, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy).
References: Cassar
Cavaciuti
Current frequencies: GB: 85, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
-: unexplained.
*Early Bearers:* Giovanni Cavaciuti, born abt 1871 in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Clerkenwell, London).

Cavaliere
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
**Occupational name:** from *cavaliere* 'knight, horseman'.
*Early Bearers:* Antonio Cavalieri in *Census 1841* (Holborn, Middx); Antonio Cavaliere, born in Italy, Giogeppe [sic] Cavaliere, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Birmingham); Edward T. Cavaliere in *Census 1901* (Camberwell, London); Luviggi [sic] Cavaliere, born in Italy in *Census 1901* (Poplar, Middx).

Cavalli
Current frequencies: GB: 126, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 14
main GB location, 1881: Middx
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
**Nickname:** from *cavalli*, genitive or plural form of *cavallo* 'horse', used to denote either someone who looked after horses or possibly someone thought to resemble a horse.
*Early Bearers:* Henry Cavalli in *Census 1851* (London); John Cavalli, born in Zante, Greece, in *Census 1861* (Islington); Giuffre Cavalli, born in Florence, Italy, in *Census 1871* (Clerkenwell, London); Luigi Cavalli, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (Finsbury, London); Andrew F. Cavalli, born in London, in *Census 1871* (London).

Cavanna
GB frequency, 1881: 40
main GB location, 1881: Middx
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Irish
from *Mac an Mhanaigh*, see *McCavana* and compare *Cavana*.
2 language/culture: Italian
**Locative name:** denoting someone who lived in a rough or temporary dwelling, from *capanna* 'hut, shelter'.
*Early Bearers:* Bernardo Cavanna, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Luigi Cavanna, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Stepney, Middx); Angelo Cavanna, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Croydon, Surrey).
**Cella**
Current frequencies: GB: 137, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Locative name: from any of numerous minor places called Cella or Celle (from *cella* `cell`), because they were once the locations of hermits’ cells.
*Early Bearers*: Domenico *Cella*, born in Italy, in *Census 1861* (Middx); Luiji [sic] *Cella*, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Lincs); Francisco *Cella*, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Lincs); Giuliano *Cella*, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Gloucs); Giovanni *Cella*, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Gloucs).

**Cerrone**
Current frequencies: GB: 139, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Locative name: augmentative form of Cerro, from *cerro* `turkey oak, cerryis` (*Quercus cerris*)
*Early Bearers*: Angelo *Cerrone*, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Lincoln, Lincs); Vincenzo *Cerrone*, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Yorks).

**Cervi**
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
(i) Nickname: from *cervo* `stag` (Latin *cervus*), given with reference to the presumed lustiness of the creature, or conversely to the horns, supposed to be a sign of a cuckold.
(ii) Relationship name: from the personal name Acerbo, with loss of the first syllable.
*Early Bearers*: Leandro *Cervi*, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Greenford, Middx); Orazio *Cervi*, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Lancs).

**Christofoli**
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
see Cristofoli.

**Ciardi**
Current frequencies: GB: 15, Ireland: .
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
Cilia
Current frequencies: GB: 143, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: 1
language/culture: S Italian, Maltese
Nickname: from an Italian dialect word, cilia, derived from Greek koilia `stomach', denoting a man with a fat stomach.

Cini
Current frequencies: GB: 142, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: patronymic or plural form of Cino, from the personal name, a short form of any of the personal names ending with the hypocoristic suffix -cino, such as Baroncino, Leoncino, Pacino, and Simoncino.

Cioffi
Current frequencies: GB: 143, Ireland: 3.
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
(i) Nickname: probably from Sicilian ciofì `lock of hair', Italian ciuffo.
(ii) from Joff, a French personal name of Germanic origin.
Early Bearers: Clementina Louisa Cioffi, 1850 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); Francisco Cioffi, born in Naples, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy).

Cirillo
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: S Italian
Relationship name: from the Greek personal name Kyrillos, a diminutive of kyrios `lord'.

Citrine
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[99x759]nt frequencies: GB: 121, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 14
main GB location, 1881: Lancs
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Jewish
from citrine, a semi-precious yellow variety of quartz, or from a related word or name. A possible source is the surname Tsitrin, from Yiddish tshitrin 'lemon', used either literally or in allusion to the gem, perhaps filtered through a Romance language.
Early Bearers: Antonio Citrine, 1840 in IGI (Whitechapel, Middx); John Francis Citrine, 1872 in IGI (Liverpool, Lancs); Richard Citrine, 1894 in IGI (Liverpool, Lancs); Emily Catherine Citrine, 1903 in IGI (Liscard, Cheshire); Alfred Citrine, ships rigger, born in Liverpool, in Census 1911 (Birkenhead, Cheshire).
Other info: The trade unionist Sir Walter (later Baron) Citrine (1887-1983) was born in Liverpool. His biographies state that his father may have been an Italian immigrant.

Cocozza
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Nickname: from cocuzza `gourd, pumpkin', used either to denote a rotund individual or a grower or seller of gourds.
Early Bearers: Benedetto Cocozza, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); Nicandro Cocozza, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Yorks); Pasqual Cocozza, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (IoM); Guiseppe Cocozza, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Sussex).

Coia
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian (Apulia and Abruzzo)
unexplained.
Early Bearers: Lilomena Coia, born in Atina, Italy, in Census 1881 (Liverpool, Lancs); Gaitano Coia, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Southampton, Hants); Giuseppe Coia, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Fulham, Middx).

Colella
Current frequencies: GB: 172, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from a diminutive of the personal name Cola, a pet form of Nicola, Italian equivalent of Nicholas.
Early Bearers: Francisco and Giovanni Colella, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (London); Panfilo Colella, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Northumb).
Coleman
GB frequency, 1881: 14618
main GB location, 1881: widespread in England
main Irish location, 1847-64: widespread: esp. Cork
Variants: Colman, Coulman, Collman, Coalman, Coldman.
1 language/culture: Irish, English
Relationship name: from the Middle English personal name Col(e)man. The main source is Old Irish Colmán, earlier Columbán, adopted as Old Scandinavian Kalman. It was introduced into Cumb, Westm, and Yorks by Norwegians from Ireland (compare 2 below) and probably spread widely across England. A less common source is an Old French form of Continental Germanic Col(e)man, as is likely in the case of the Domesday Book examples.
Early Bearers: (i) given names: Coleman, 1086 in Domesday Book; Colemannus de Eston’, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Bucks).
(ii) surnames: Hervicus Coleman, 1166 in Red Book of the Exchequer (Yorks); Richard Coleman, 1176 in Pipe Rolls (Surrey); William Coleman, 1296 in Subsidy Rolls (Aldsworth, Sussex); Richard Coleman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Walcote, Leics); Willelmus Coleman, 1379 in Poll Tax (North Walsham, Norfolk); Johannes Coleman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Lonsdale wapentake, Lancs); Roberto Colman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Walcote, Leics); Willelmus Coleman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Weston Turville, Bucks); Johannes Coleman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Walcote, Leics); Willelmus Coleman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Weston Turville, Bucks); Johannes Coleman, 1379 in Poll Tax (North Walsham, Norfolk); Johannes Coleman, 1379 in Poll Tax (Walcote, Leics);
Other info: There is no evidence to support Reaney’s view that in Sussex the surname was occupational for a charcoal burner; see Surnames of Sussex, p. 345.
2 language/culture: Irish
from Mac Colmáin or Ó Colmáin `son (or descendant) of Colmán’.
Early Bearers: Carbry McCollman, kern, 1570 in Fiants Elizabeth §1602 (Row, Westmeath); Walthasar McCollman, 1574 in Fiants Elizabeth §2497; Hugh duffe McCollman, 1601 in Fiants Elizabeth §6512 (Carne, Westmeath).
Coletta
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
from a diminutive of the personal name Cola, a short form of Nicola, Italian equivalent of Nicholas.
Early Bearers: Bennetta Coletta, 1706 in IGI (London); Dominecio Coletta, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (London); Pasquale Coletta, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (West Ham, Essex); Antonio Coletta, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Leeds, WR Yorks).

Colombo
Current frequencies: GB: 186, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 52
main GB location, 1881: Middx
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
(i) Relationship name: from the personal name Colombo, from Latin Colombus, Colomba meaning ‘dove’, a personal name favored by early Christians because the dove was considered to be a symbol of the Holy Spirit.
(ii) Nickname: from colombo ‘dove’ (Latin columbus), for a gentle, mild-mannered person or for a keeper of doves.
Early Bearers: Andrew Colombo, born in Genova, Italy, in Census 1881 (Deptford, Kent); Joseph Colombo, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Devon); Orlando Colombo, born in Devon, in Census 1891 (Monmouths); Giovanni Colombo, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Middx).

Columbine
Current frequencies: GB: 96, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 83
main GB location, 1881: WR Yorks and Notts
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Cullumbine.
language/culture: English
(i) Nickname: probably a variant of Collumbell, altered by folk etymology through association with the plant name columbine. Compare the Notts and Staffs examples of both names.
(ii) Nickname: alternatively perhaps from Middle English (Old French) columbine ‘dove-like’, or from Middle English columbine, colombine, colibin ‘columbine, aquilegia’, a plant which was thought to be efficacious in the treatment of various ailments including ‘sore throte’, ‘quinsy’, and ‘swellynge in þe throte’ (MED). However, until some medieval surnames with this form have been found, it must remain a doubtful hypothesis.
Early Bearers: Isabell Columbine, 1541 in IGI (Solihull, Warwicks); Homfrey Collumbye or Columbine, 1591 in PROB 11 (Alvechurch, Worcs); Thomas Columbye, 1593 in IGI (Manchester, Lancs); Richard Culliminne, 1611 in IGI (Bromsgrove, Worcs); Godolyne Columbine, 1613 in IGI (Sevington, Kent); John Colonbye or Columbine, 1619 in PROB 11 (Enville, Staffs); Thomas Cullabine, 1636 in IGI (Ebony, Kent); Benjamin Cullumbine, 1687 in IGI (Enfield, Middx); Thomas Cullabine, 1735 in IGI (Edwinstowe, Notts); Jonathan Columbine, 1747 in IGI (Sutton in Ashfield, Notts); John Cullabine, 1750 in IGI (Sheffield,
WR Yorks); Elizabeth Cullobine, 1775 in IGi (Sheffield, WR Yorks); William Columbine, 1823 in IGi (Silkstone, WR Yorks); William Cullumbine, 1839 in IGi (Worsborough, WR Yorks).

2 language/culture: Huguenot

(i) Nickname: French Colombin, from Old French colombin 'dove-like'.
(ii) Relationship name: French Colombin, from the Old French personal name Colomban (altered to Colombin), from Latin Colombanus, a derivative of colombus 'dove'.

Early Bearers: Pierre Colombine, 1721, Francois Colombine, 1723 IGi (Walloon church, Norwich, Norfolk).

Other info: The personal name Colomban has not been found in medieval England except as the name of a foreigner, such as the (Italian?) Columbanus Lercarius, master or patron of The Ship of St. John, apparently of Genoa, 1345 in Patent Rolls.

References: Morlet, Dictionnaire.

Constanti

Current frequencies: GB: 174, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 4
main GB location, 1881: Glamorgan
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Greek, Italian

Relationship name: from the genitive case of the Greek personal name Constantis, Konstantis, a shortened version of Kōnstantinos (Latin Constantinus; see Constantine).

Conte

GB frequency, 1881: 11
main GB location, 1881: Middx
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

Nickname, relationship name: from the title of rank conte 'count', from Latin comes 'companion'. Probably in this latter sense, it was a medieval personal name. As a title it was probably used as a nickname in the same way as Count.

Early Bearers: Pietro Conte, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); Guiseppe Conte, born in Bardi, Italy, in Census 1891 (London).

Conti

GB frequency, 1881: 21
main GB location, 1881: Sussex
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

Relationship name: patronymic or plural form of Conte.

Early Bearers: Luigi Conti, 1873 in IGi (Southampton); Joseph Conti, born in Naples, Italy, in Census 1881 (Middx); Antoni Conti, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Norfolk); Onorati Conti, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Sussex); Esquelo Conti, born in Parma, Italy, in Census 1881 (Middx).

Coppola
GB frequency, 1881: 5
main GB location, 1881: Middx
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: S Italian, Maltese
Nickname: from Neapolitan dialect *coppola*, denoting a type of beret characteristic of the region, used for a habitual wearer or maker of such berets.
*Early Bearers:* Francisco *Coppola*, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (London); Domino *Coppola*, born in Naples, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Fulham, Middx); Natale *Coppola*, born in Malta, in *Census 1881* (Royal Navy); Domenico *Coppola*, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Manchester, Lancs); Leonard *Coppola*, born in Naples, Italy, in *Census 1891* (Berkeley, Gloucs); Achille *Coppola*, born in Abina, Italy, in *Census 1901* (Glasgow).

**Corsi**

Current frequencies: GB: 111, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from the personal name *Corso*, a short form of *Accorso* or *Bonaccorso*, from a phrase meaning 'good help'.
*Early Bearers:* Pedro *Corso*, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (London); Marco *Corso*, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (London).

**Corsini**

GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from the personal name *Corsino*, a diminutive of *Corso* (see *Corsi*).
*Early Bearers:* Peter *Corsini*, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (Lincs); Anselmo Corsini, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (London); Antonio *Corsini*, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (London).

**Costa**

GB frequency, 1881: 194
main GB location, 1881: London
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Dacosta.
language/culture: Italian, Portuguese, Catalan, Occitan, Spanish
(i) Locative name: denoting someone who lived on the coast or on a slope or river bank (ultimately from Latin *costa* 'rib', 'flank'), or from any of the many places named with this word.
(ii) possibly in some instances a respelling of *Coster*.
*Early Bearers:* Richard *Costa* in IGI (Great Ponton, Lincs); An *Costa*, 1627 in IGI (Bucknall, Lincs); Taresa Catherina Llusia *Costa*, 1719 in IGI (Mitford, Northumb); Joao *da Costa*,...
1721 in IGI (Lewannick, Cornwall); Vericimo da Costa, 1760 in IGI (Blewbury, Berks); Gabriel Raphael Costa, 1760-84 in IGI (London).

**Costella**
GB frequency, 1881: 113
main GB location, 1881: Lancs
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Irish
from Mac Oisdealbhaigh, see Costello.

**Costi**
Current frequencies: GB: 252, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 3
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
unexplained.
*Early Bearers:* Eliza Costi in Census 1881 (Market Weighton, Yorks); Jane E. Costi in Census 1881 (Kingston upon Hull, Yorks); Satneo Costi, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London).

**Cristofoli**
Current frequencies: GB: 111, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: Middx; Durham
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Christofoli.
language/culture: S Italian
Relationship name: from the personal name Cristofolo, a variant of Cristoforo, see Christopher.
*Early Bearers:* Giovani Cristofoli, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Clerkenwell, Middx); Felice Cristofoli, in Census 1881 (Darlington, Durham); Ambrogio Cristofoli, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); Frances Cristofoli, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Hants).
References:
De Felice

**Croce**
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name, locative name, nickname: from croce `cross' (Latin crux, genitive crucis), applied as a Christian religious personal name, a topographical name for someone who lived by a roadside cross, or a name for someone who carried the cross in religious processions. Compare English Cross.
*Early Bearers:* Savario Samuel Croce, 1847 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); Carlo Croce, born
in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); Andrea Croce, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London).

**Crolla**

GB frequency, 1881: 24
main GB location, 1881: Lancs
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

Relationship name: perhaps a reduced form of Corolla, from Italian corolla 'corolla', 'petals of a flower', or directly from Latin corolla 'garland, wreath, coronet' Caracausi.

Early Bearers: Emmidio Crolla, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Lancs); Antonio Crolla, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Middx); Giuseppe Crolla, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Francisco Crolla, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Knaresborough, WR Yorks); Domenico Crolla, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Aberdeen, Aberdeens).

**Cura**

GB frequency, 1881: 16
main GB location, 1881: Middx
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

Nickname: from cura 'care, concern, solicitude'.

Early Bearers: Agostingo Cura, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); F. Cura, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); Sozaro Cura, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); Giovanni Cura, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London).

**Dagostino**

Current frequencies: GB: 146, Ireland: 5.
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

Relationship name: Southern Italian, patronymic from the personal name Agostino, a diminutive of Augusto (Latin Augustus).

Early Bearers: Pasquale E. D'Agostino, born in Naples, Italy, in Census 1881 (Marylebone, Middx); Domenico Dagostino, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Keighley, WR Yorks); Gerardo Dagostino, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Manchester, Lancs); Angelo Dagostino, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Islington, Middx); Marco Dagostino, born in Italy in Census 1911 (Brighton, Sussex).

References:
De Felice

**Dalli**

Current frequencies: GB: 91, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
**Dambrosio**
Current frequencies: GB: 80, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: D'ambrosio, patronymic from the personal name Ambrosio, from Latin Ambrosius.
Early Bearers: Francesco Dambrosio, born in Picinisco, Italy, in Census 1891 (Croydon, Surrey); Antony Dambrosio, born in Manchester, in Census 1891 (Manchester, Lancs); Joseph Dambrosio, 1894 in IGI (Sunderland, Durham); Antonio Dambrosio, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Rickergate, Cumb); Francesco Dambrosio, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Hamilton, Lanarks); Vincenzo Dambrosio, born in Slamannan, Stirlings, in Census 1901 (Hamilton, Lanarks).

**Damico**
Current frequencies: GB: 45, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: patronymic from the personal name Amico.
Early Bearers: Nathaniel Damico, in Census 1841 (Leics); Samuel Damico, born in Glastonbury, in Census 1891 (Saint Mellons, Monmouths); Annie Damico, born in Prestatyn, in Census 1901 (Saint Asaph, Flints); Jane Damico, born in Liverpool, in Census 1901 (Saint Asaph, Flints); Francesco Damico, in Census 1911 (Warwicks); Giuseppe D'Amico, in Census 1911 (Lancs).

**Dangelo**
Current frequencies: GB: 86, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
Variants: Angelo.
language/culture: Italian (D'Angelo)
Relationship name: patronymic from the personal name Angelo (see Angelo).
Early Bearers: (i) Elizabeth Dangelo, 1775 in IGI (Bath Somerset); Henry D'angelo, 1845 in IGI (Glasgow, Lanarks); Charles Dengeloe, born in Bridport, Dorset, in Census 1881 (Axminster, Devon).
(ii) George D'Angelo, born in Switzerland, in Census 1881 (Liverpool, Lancs); Pietro
**D'Angelo**, born in Sicily, in Census 1911 (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Gaetano D'Angelo, born in Palermo, Sicily, in Census 1911 (Chelsea, Middx).

### Darmanin

Current frequencies: GB: 133, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881:
- main GB location, 1881: -
- main Irish location, 1847-64: -

language/culture: Italian

Maltese, from Italian **D'Armanno**, a patronymic from the personal name Armanno.

Early Bearers: Salvo Darmanin, born in Malta, in Census 1871 (Royal Navy); Lorenzo Darmanin, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy); Fortonato Darmanin, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy); Salvo Darmanin, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy); Guiseppe Darmanin, born in Malta, in Census 1891 (Hants); Antonio Darmanin, born in Malta, in Census 1891 (Royal Navy).

References:
- Cassar

### De Angelis


GB frequency, 1881:
- main GB location, 1881: -
- main Irish location, 1847-64: -

language/culture: Italian

Relationship name: from the personal name Angelo, probably in the sense `(a member) of the Angeli family'. Alternatively, in some instances the name may have been bestowed on a foundling 'from the angels', from the vocabulary word angelo ´angel'.

Early Bearers: Angelo Deangelis, 1735 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); Carlo Deangelis, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Westminster, Middx); Sidney Deangelis, in Census 1881 (Tower Hamlets, Middx); Angelo De Angelis, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Westminster, Middx); Lorenzo De Angelis, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Westminster, Middx).

### De Luca


GB frequency, 1881: 2

main GB location, 1881: -

main Irish location, 1847-64: -


language/culture: Italian

Relationship name: patronymic from the personal name Luca, from Latin Lucas (see Luke).

Early Bearers: William De Luca, born in Warrington, Lancs, in Census 1861 (Wigan, Lancs); Guiseppe De Luca, born in Naples, Italy, in Census 1881 (Finsbury, Middlesex); August DeLuca, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Westminster, Middx); Pasquale Deluca, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Halifax, WR Yorks); Loreto Diluca, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Hartlepool, Durham); Benedetto Deluca, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Plymouth, Devon); Antonio Deluca, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Halifax, WR Yorks).

### De Marco
De Mello
Current frequencies: GB: 165, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
1 language/culture: Portuguese
Locative name: from Melo (Porto).
Early Bearers: Mathew Roque Demello, 1855 in IGI (Merton, Surrey); Joao De Mello, 1872 in BMD (Chorlton, Lancs); Anguestino de Mello, fireman, born in Goa, India, in Census 1901 (West Ham, Essex); Bernard de Mello, born in Goa, India, in Census 1901 (Southampton, Hants); Antonio De Mello, Ignacio M. De Mello, Calano De Mello, born in India, in Census 1911 (West Ham, Essex); Roque de Mello, university student, born in Karachi, India, in Census 1911 (Holborn, Middx).
Other info: This name is also found in western India, where it was taken by Portuguese colonists.
2 language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: patronymic from a short form of Giacomello, a pet form of Giacomo, from Late Latin Jac(o)mus (see James).

De Rosa
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
Variants: Derosa.
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: metronymic from the female personal name Rosa, from rosa `rose'.
Early Bearers: John De Rosa, 1697 in IGI (London); Julia DeRosa, 1850 in IGI (Liverpool,
Lancs); Palmerino De Rosa, 1891 in BMD (Croydon, Surrey); Antonio De Rosa, organ grinder, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Croydon, Surrey); Leopoldo Salvatore De Rosa, 1899 in BMD (Westminster, Middx); Antonio and Vincenzo Derosa, baker, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Holborn, Middx); Antonio De Rosa, musician, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Chapel en le Frith, Derbys); Giuseppe De Rosa, boot maker, born in Caserta Nola, Italy, in Census 1911 (Fulham, Middx).
Other info: Under the influence of the cults of various saints, particularly Rosa, patron saint of Viterbo, this was a popular personal name in medieval Italy.
References: , De Felice

Debono
Current frequencies: GB: 378, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 7
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: 
Variants: Bono.
language/culture: Italian, Maltese
Relationship name: patronymic from the medieval personal name Bono (basedon Latin bonus 'good').
Early Bearers: John Debono, born in Malta, in Census 1861 (Royal Navy); Guriennis Debono, born in Albie, Italy, in Census 1881 (Middx); Luiggie Debono, born in Albie, Italy, in Census 1881 (Middx); Salvo Debono, born in Malta, Census 1881 (Royal Navy); Rosario Debono, born in Malta, in Census 1901 (Royal Navy).

Delicata
GB frequency, 1881: 
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: 
1 language/culture: Italian (Sicily), Maltese
Locative name: for someone from (de) Licata (Agrigento, Sicily). Some of the examples may belong under (2).
Early Bearers: Carmelo Delicata, born in Malta, in Census 1861 (Royal Navy); Pasqua Delicata, born in Malta, in Census 1891 (Birmingham, Warwicks); Giovanni Delicata, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Warwicks); Giovanni Delicata, 1898 in BMD (Saint Pancras, Middx); Dominick Delicata, organ grinder, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Chester, Cheshire); Fortunato Delicata, tailor, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Clerkenwell, Middx).
References: 
Cassar

2 language/culture: Italian, Maltese
Nickname: from Italian delicata `delicate, fragile' (from Latin delicatus `delightful, tender').
References: 
Cassar

Delmonte
GB frequency, 1881: 34
main GB location, 1881: Middx
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Spanish, Italian, Jewish (Sephardic)
Locative name: denoting someone 'from the mountain'. In the case of the Jewish name, it may be an ornamental name.

Early Bearers: (i) William Delmonte, 1770 in IGI (Bethnal Green, Middx); James Delmonte, 1773 in IGI (Bishopsgate, London); Frederick Delmonte, 1780 in Parish Registers (Saint Martin in the Fields, Westminster, Middx); August Delmonte, 1820 in IGI (Bermondsey, Surrey).
(ii) Leon del Monte, born in Cuba, in Census 1911 (Fulham, Middx).
(iii) Jewish: Judah Delmonte, 1792 in Bevis Marks Records (London); Abm Delmonte, cigar maker, born in Amsterdam, in Census 1861 (Whitechapel, Middx); Moses Delmonte, born in Middx, in Census 1871 (Whitechapel, Middx); Isaac and Joseph Delmonte, cigar makers, born in The Netherlands, in Census 1881 (Spitalfields, Middx); Judah Delmonte, born in Amsterdam, Netherlands, in Census 1881 (Whitechapel, Middx); Emanuel Delmonte, slipper maker, born in Amsterdam, in Census 1891 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Joseph Delmonte, cigar maker, born in Holland, in Census 1901 (Spitalfields, Middx); Solomon Delmonte, cigar maker, born in Middx, in Census 1911 (Poplar, Middx).

Deluca
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
see De Luca.

Demarco
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian, Maltese
see De Marco.

Demello
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Dmello.
1 language/culture: Portuguese
Locative name: (Portuguese De Melo), denoting someone 'from Melo' (another name for the city of Porto).
Early Bearers: Matthew Roque Demello, 1855 in IGI (Merton, Surrey).
Other info: this name is also found in western India, where it was taken by Portuguese colonists.
2 language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: patronymic from a shortened form of Giacomello, a pet form of Giacomo, from Late Latin Jac(o)mus (see James).

Deo
Current frequencies: GB: 214, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 3
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Deb, Dev.
language/culture: Indian (northern states)
Hindu and Sikh, from Sanskrit deva `god, lord'.
Other info: This was a title used by ruling families in northern India, and the name is found in several communities. There is a Jat tribe called Deo; in the northeast the name is found among Kayasths, pronounced deb; and in Maharashtra Konkanasth Brahmans have a clan called Dev.

Derosa
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
see De Rosa.

Devito
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
see Divito.

Dimambro
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
from Di Mambro, a southern name of uncertain derivation. It may be locative, from a lost place called Mambro, or perhaps a relationship name from a reduced form of the medieval personal names Mambrino or Mambretto.
Early Bearers: Angelo Dimambro, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Gloucs); Gaetanello Dimambro, born in Italy, Salvatore Dimambro, born in Italy, Guiseppe Dimambro, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Durham); Maria Dimambro, born in Italy in Census 1911 (Bristol, Gloucs); Francesco Dimambro, born in Cassino, Italy, in Census 1911 (Middlesbrough, NR Yorks).

Dimarco
Current frequencies: GB: 108, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
see De Marco.

Dimascio
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Occupational name, , status name: (Di Mascio) denoting a servant or member of the household of a master craftsman, from a dialect form of mastro 'master'.
Early Bearers: Giovanni Dimascio, 1881 in IGI (Holborn, Middx); Nunziata Dimascio, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Lancs); Domenico Antonio Dimascio, 1900 in IGI (Bournemouth, Dorset); Salvatore Dimascio, in Census 1901 (Staffs); Diamente Di Mascio, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Manchester, Lancs); Giagendo Dimascio, born in Casino, Italy, in Census 1911 (Huddersfield, WR Yorks).
References: De Felice

Dimech
Current frequencies: GB: 125, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Maltese
(i) Relationship name: patronymic from a pet form of the Italian personal name Domenico.
(ii) Locative name: denoting someone from Mega (Tuscany, Italy) or Meca (Huelva, Spain).
(iii) Locative name: apocopated form of Dimecca (Italian di Mecca), denoting someone 'from Mecca'.
Early Bearers: Michael Dimech, born in Malta, in Census 1901 (Royal Navy).
References: Cassar.

Divito
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Devito.
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: patronymic from the personal name Vito.
Early Bearers: Domenico Divito, in Census 1901 (Warwicks); Cosimo Devito, in Census 1901 (Lancs); Antonio Divito, in Census 1901 (Stirlings); Melia Devito, in Census 1901 (Lancs); Saverio Divito, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Glamorgan); Pasquale Divito, born
in Italy, in Census 1911 (Glamorgan); Maria Devito, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (London).

**Domini**


GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: language/culture: Italian

**Relationship name:** from the personal name Domino, from Latin dominus 'master, lord', also used to mean 'teacher'.

*Early Bearers:* Francois Domini, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Westminster, Middx);
Guiseppe Domini, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Chorlton, Lancs).

**Donati**

Current frequencies: GB: 102, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881: 25
main GB location, 1881: London
main Irish location, 1847-64: language/culture: Italian

**Relationship name:** patronymic or plural from the medieval personal name Donato (Latin Donatus, past participle of donare, frequentative of dare 'to give'). Compare Anthony Donato, 1570 in PROB 11 (City of London). See also Donat.

*Early Bearers:* James, Thorisianus, and Hugh Donati, fellows, citizens, and marchants of Florence, 1282 in Patent Rolls (Dublin, Ireland); Constantine Donati, born in Rome, Italy, in Census 1881 (Lambeth, Surrey); Peter Donati, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Costello Donati, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Clerkenwell, Middx); Luigi Donati, in Census 1881 (Haltwhistle, Northumb); Luigi Donati, 1885 in IGI (Walkern, Herts).

**Donno**

Current frequencies: GB: 129, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881: 3
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: language/culture: French, Huguenot
see Dono.

**Ducat**

Current frequencies: GB: 95, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881: 111
main GB location, 1881: Angus
main Irish location, 1847-64: language/culture: Scottish

probably a variant of Duguid.

*Early Bearers:* David Ducat, 1642 in IGI (Edinburgh, Midlothian); William Dowcat, Melrose Records (Melrose, Roxburghs); Thomas Ducat, 1642 in IGI (Errol, Perths); John Ducat, 1702 in IGI (Errol, Perths); Katharine Ducat, 1766 in IGI (Liberton, Midlothian); Jean Ducat, 1811 in IGI (Dundee, Angus).
2 language/culture: English
post-medieval spelling of **Duckett**.

3 language/culture: English
**Nickname:** possibly from Middle English *ducat, duket, doket* (Old French *ducat*, Italian *ducato*), the name of various gold or silver coins in different European countries. However, there is no evidence that this survived as a modern surname.

*Early Bearers:* Wolveva, Alice, William **Dukat**, 1314 in *Feet of Fines* (Suffolk); Mary **Ducat**, 1727 in *IGI* (Westminster, Middx); John **Ducat**, 1748 in *IGI* (Fenny Compton, Warwicks); Martha **Ducat**, 1766 in *IGI* (Catmore, Berks); Richard **Ducat**, 1769 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Sarah **Ducat**, 1804 in *IGI* (Holme upon Spalding Moor, ER Yorks).

**Other info:** When first minted, about 1140, in the Duchy of Apulia, the coins bore the legend 'sit tibi, Christe, datus, quem tu regis, iste *ducatus*’, hence their name, from late Latin *ducatus* ‘duchy’.

**Durante**

*Current frequencies:* GB: 90, Ireland: 
*GB frequency, 1881:* 0
*main GB location, 1881:* -
*main Irish location, 1847-64:* language/culture: Italian

from the medieval Italian personal name **Durante**, which is from a vocabulary word meaning 'enduring', ultimately from the Latin verb *durare* 'to last or endure'. Like the English cognate **Durrant**, the name may also originally have had the sense 'stubborn, obstinate'.

**Durso**

*Current frequencies:* GB: 63, Ireland: 2.
*GB frequency, 1881:* 0
*main GB location, 1881:* -
*main Irish location, 1847-64:* language/culture: Italian

Variants: **Orsi**.

from D'Urso ‘son or kinsman of Urso’, a variant of **Orsi**, with the patronymic marker D'.

*Early Bearers:* Alfonso D'Urso, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (London).

**Elia**

*Current frequencies:* GB: 365, Ireland: 0.
*GB frequency, 1881:* 6
*main GB location, 1881:* -
*main Irish location, 1847-64:* language/culture: Italian, Spanish

**Relationship name:** from the personal name Elia, Italian and Spanish equivalent of **Elias**.

*Early Bearers:* Guiseppi A. Elia, born in Naples, Italy, in Census 1881 (Sussex).

**Esposito**

*Current frequencies:* GB: 795, Ireland: 12.
*GB frequency, 1881:* 3
*main GB location, 1881:* -
*main Irish location, 1847-64:*
language/culture: Italian
from Italian esposito 'exposed' (Latin expositus, past participle of exponere `to place outside'), typically a surname bestowed on a foundling.
*Early Bearers:* Rosa Maria Esposito, 1877 in IGI (Clifton, Gloucs); Agostino Esposito, born in Naples, Italy, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy).
*Other info:* This is currently the commonest surname in Naples and fourth in Italy as a whole.

**Evangelista**
*Current frequencies:* GB: 228, Ireland: 22.
*GB frequency, 1881:* -
*main GB location, 1881:* -
*main Irish location, 1847-64:* -
*language/culture:* S Italian
*Relationship name:* from the personal name Evangelista `evangelist' (a derivative of Greek euangelos `bringer of good news', from eu `well' + angelos `messenger'), bestowed in honour of the four gospel writers of the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), in particular Saint John the Evangelist.
*Early Bearers:* Miguel Evangelista, 1836 in IGI (Chalgrave, Beds).
*References:*
De Felice

**Fabian**
*GB frequency, 1881:* 212
*main GB location, 1881:* Hants; London; also Glamorgan
*main Irish location, 1847-64:* -
*Variants:* Fabien.
*1 language/culture:* English
*Relationship name:* from the Middle English personal name Fabian (Latin Fabianus `of Fabius').
*Early Bearers:* (i) given names: Fabianus de Cam, 1184 in Pipe Rolls (Hants); Fabianus de Helmo, 1191 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk).
(ii) surnames: Willelmus filius Fabiani, identical with William Fabian, 1220 in Curia Regis Rolls (Essex); William Fabien, 1231–53 in Ramsey Cartulary (Norfolk); Johannes Fabyon, 1377 in Poll Tax (Little Coggeshall, Essex); Johannes Fabyone, 1379 in Poll Tax (Swaffham, Norfolk); Johannes Fabyan, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bloxham, Oxon); John Fabynn, 1478; Thomas Fabian or Fabyan, 1488 in PROB 11 (London); Thomas Fabyan, 1542 in PROB 11 (Polstead, Suffolk); Johis. Fabian, 1565 in Parish Registers (Therfield, Herts); Georgii Fabien, 1625 in IGI (Buckfastleigh, Devon); Alexander Fabian, 1642 in IGI (East Tytherley, Hants).
*2 language/culture:* French, German, Italian (Venetian), Polish, Czech, Slovak, and Hungarian
*Relationship name:* from the personal name Fabian, as in (1).
*Early Bearers:* Harry Fabian, born in Germany, in Census 1881 (Tottenham, Middx); Gasser Fabien, born in Switzerland, in Census 1881 (Soho, Middx).
*3 language/culture:* Jewish
*adoption of the non-Jewish surname under the influence of the Yiddish personal name Fayvish.*
Early Bearers: Harris Fabian, bootmaker, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (Saint George in the East, Middx).

**Fabien**
Current frequencies: GB: 42, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: Lancs
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Jewish, French, German, Italian (Venetian), Polish, Czech, Slovak, and Hungarian
see Fabian.

**Faccenda**
Current frequencies: GB: 97, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
apparently from faccenda 'business'.

**Falco**
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian, Catalan
Falcó, from falco 'falcon'; generally a nickname for a falconer or for someone thought to resemble a hawk in some way, but in some instances a relationship name from a Germanic byname with the same meaning. Compare Fawkes.

**Falcone**
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
from falcone 'falcon', either a personal name, or a nickname for a falconer.

**Falzon**
Current frequencies: GB: 358, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Italian
Nickname: from an augmentative of false 'false, fake', for a deceiver.
2 language/culture: Italian
possibly a northern equivalent of falcione a type of weapon derived from an agricultural sickle, and hence a nickname for someone who used or made these.
Faria
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
1 language/culture: Portuguese
Locative name: from either of two places in Portugal called Faria (in Braga and Aveiro).
Early Bearers: Jose Francisco Faria, 1846 in IGI (Chalgrave, Beds); Alfred De Faria, born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in Census 1881 (Tottenham, Middx).
2 language/culture: Greek, S Italian
Locative name: from Greek pharias 'lighthouse keeper', a derivative of pharos 'beacon, lighthouse'.

Farina
GB frequency, 1881: 20
main GB location, 1881: Durham and Northumb; Middx
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Nickname: from farina 'wheat flour' (Latin farina), applied to a miller or flour merchant, or in some cases to someone with a pale complexion.
Early Bearers: Joseph Farina, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Paddington, Middx); Alexander Farina, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Bishopwearmouth, Durham); Achille Farina, born in Italy in Census 1891 (Fulham, Middx); Alfonso Farina, musician, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Warwick, Warwicks); Ormando Farina, clerk, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Pelagia Farina, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Edmonton, Middx).

Faro
Current frequencies: GB: 60, Ireland: 3.
GB frequency, 1881: 34
main GB location, 1881: Hants and Sussex
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
1 language/culture: English
see Farrar and compare Pharoah
2 language/culture: Portuguese, Italian
Locative name: from any of several places named with faro 'beacon, lighthouse' (Greek pharos).

Federico
Current frequencies: GB: 130, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
from the personal name Federico, of Germanic origin (see Frederick).
References:
Ahmed
**Felice**
GB frequency, 1881: 12
main GB location, 1881: London
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from the personal name Felice, from the Roman family name Felix (see Felix).
Early Bearers: Michael Felice, born in Italy, in Census 1861 (Saint Pancras, London); Antonio Felice, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Wandsworth, Surrey).
2 language/culture: English
see Felix.

**Fella**
GB frequency, 1881: 14
main GB location, 1881: London; also Suffolk
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Italian
of unexplained origin, probably a locative name from Fellà, Calabria.
Early Bearers: Giuseppe Fella, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Portsmouth, Hants).
2 language/culture: English
unexplained. Perhaps an occasional variant of Feller or Fellow; for the latter, compare Hugo Fela, 1379 in Poll Tax (Burnham Overy, Norfolk) with Nicholas Fellow, 1553 in IGI (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk).
Early Bearers: Susen Fella, 1580 in IGI (Bramfield, Suffolk); Edward Fella, 1833 in IGI (Eye, Suffolk).

**Ferrara**
Current frequencies: GB: 288, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 5
main GB location, 1881: Middx
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Southern Italian
Locative name: from ferrara 'forge, iron workings' (Latin ferraria), for someone who lived by a forge or iron workings, or for someone from a place so named, such as the provincial capital of Ferrara, in Emilia-Romagna.
Early Bearers: Michele Ferrara, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Gloucester, Gloucs).

**Ferrari**
GB frequency, 1881: 50
main GB location, 1881: London; also WR Yorks
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Patronymic or plural form of Ferraro.
Early Bearers: Adolphus Angelies Ferrari, 1849 in IGI (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Pietro Ferrari, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Holdenhurst, Hants).
**Ferraro**
Current frequencies: GB: 237, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 18
main GB location, 1881: Middx; also Devon
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Ferrari.
language/culture: Italian
**Occupational name:** from Old Italian (fabbro) ferraro 'blacksmith, ironworker' (a derivative of ferro 'iron').
*Early Bearers:* James Ferraro, 1822 in IGI (Saint Marylebone, Middx); Giovanni Ferraro, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

**Ferretti**
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: Argyll
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
**Relationship name:** from a pet form of the personal name Ferro, see Ferro.
*Early Bearers:* Salvatora Ferretti, born in Italy, in Census 1861 (Kensington, Middx).

**Ferri**
Current frequencies: GB: 220, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 15
main GB location, 1881: Midlothian
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Italian
Patronymic or plural form of Ferro.
*Early Bearers:* Giovanni T. Ferri, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Newton, Lancs).
2 language/culture: English, Scottish
see Ferry.

**Ferro**
GB frequency, 1881: 17
main GB location, 1881: Lancs and WR Yorks
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Ferri.
1 language/culture: English
see Farrar.
2 language/culture: Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Maltese, Jewish (Sephardic)
**Nickname:** from ferro 'iron' (Latin ferrum), denoting someone who was strong or who produced or worked iron.
*Early Bearers:* Abraham Ferro, 1756, Elias Furtado Ferro, 1804 in Bevis Marks Records (London); Abraham Ferro, 1858 in BMD (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Rebecca Ferro, 1860 in BMD (Whitechapel, Middx); Ramon de Silva Ferro, Chilean consul, born in Galicia, Spain, in Census 1861 (Marylebone, Middx); Pedro Jose Ferro, 1876 in BMD (Islington, Middx); William H. Ferro, born in Germany, in Census 1871 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Jefferino Ferro, born in Goa, India, in Census 1901 (Royal Navy).
3 **language/culture**: Italian

**Relationship name**: from a medieval personal name, preserved in the modern pet form *Ferrucio*. Compare *Ferretti*. Some of the examples below may belong under (1) above.

*Early Bearers*: Pio *Ferro*, naval architect and engineer, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Blythswood, Lanarks); Alfred *Ferro*, merchant, born in Malta, in Census 1891 (Fulham, Middx); William *Ferro*, cashier, born in Malta, in Census 1911 (Liverpool, Lancs); Ceresio *Ferro*, teacher, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Marylebone, Middx); Gabriel *Ferro*, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

**Festa**

Current frequencies: GB: 116, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881: 3
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:

1 **language/culture**: S Italian

**Nickname**: most likely from *festa* `festival', `holiday', but possibly from a short form of an omen-name such as *Carafesta* or *Cattafesta*.

*Early Bearers*: Giovanni Battista *Festa*, 1880 in IGI (Brighton, Sussex); Giovanni Paolo *Festa*, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx).

2 **language/culture**: Spanish, Portuguese

**Nickname**: from *festa* `festival, holiday'.
Early Bearers: Maria Fiore, 1810 in IGI (Roche, Cornwall); John Jermore Fiore, 1840 in IGI (Upton cum Chalvey, Bucks); Pietro Fiore, born in Naples, Italy, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx); Vincenzo Fiore, born in Naples, Italy, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx); Ettore Fiore, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); Marcello Fiore, born in Census 1891 (London).

References:
De Felice

Fiori
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: patronymic from Fiore.

Flora
Current frequencies: GB: 492, Ireland: 3.
GB frequency, 1881: 5
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Spanish, Portuguese, Italian
Relationship name: from the female personal name Flora.
2 language/culture: Czech, Austrian, Polish
Relationship name: from a vernacular form of the Latin personal name Florianus.
3 language/culture: Hungarian
Relationship name: Flóra, from the female personal name Flóra.

Fontana
GB frequency, 1881: 25
main GB location, 1881: London; WR Yorks
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian, Spanish, and Catalan
Locative name: denoting someone who lived near a spring, from Romance descendants of Late Latin fontana, a derivative of classical Latin fons. In Italy the name may also be toponymic, from any of the numerous minor places named with this word.
Early Bearers: Rosa Angelina Fontana, 1836 in IGI (Halifax, WR Yorks); Stefano Ventura Fontana, 1839 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); Dominico Fontana, 1865 in IGI (Saint Pancras, Middx); John Fontana, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Chelsea, Middx); Charles Fontana, born in Como, Italy, in Census 1881 (Wycombe, Bucks); Aristide Fontana, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx).
Other info: The surname is also established in Portugal, where it seems to have been imported form Italy.

Formosa
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian, Maltese

Nickname: from Italian formosa 'well-formed, shapely, beautiful'.

Early Bearers: Paolo Formosa, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy); Frederick Formosa, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy); Angelo Formosa, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Royal Navy); Anita Girolama Formosa, born in New York, US, in Census 1911 (Westminster, Middx).

References: Cassar.

Franchi


GB frequency, 1881: 6
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

Italian, patronymic or plural form of the personal name Franco (see Franco).

Franco


GB frequency, 1881: 27
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:

1 language/culture: Spanish, Italian

(i) Relationship name: from the personal name Franco, in origin an ethnic name for a Frank, i.e. a member of the Germanic people who inhabited the lands around the river Rhine in Roman times. Compare Frank. The personal name was popularized by the cult of San Franco di Assergi.

(ii) Nickname, status name: from franco 'free', usually denoting a freed slave.

Early Bearers: Francis Franco, born in Jamaica, in Census 1851 (Islington, Middx); Giuseppe Franco, musician, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Holborn, Middx); Felipe Franco, publican, born in Spain, in Census 1891 (Westminster, Middx); Rosario Franco, ice cream vendor, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Kingston on Hull, ER Yorks).

2 language/culture: Jewish (Sephardic)

(i) ornamental adoption of the Spanish surname, see (1).

(ii) Moses Franco, cigar maker, born in Amsterdam, in Census 1881 (Whitechapel, Middx); Haim Franco, dress presser, born in Turkey, in Census 1891 (Manchester, Lancs); Aaron Franco, traveller in oriental embroidery, born in Turkey, in Census 1901 (Manchester, Lancs).

Fulgoni

Current frequencies: GB: 111, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

probably a regional variant of Fulconi, said by De Felice to be a derivative of Folchi or Folco, from a Germanic personal name whose stem was *Fulk-. This name can also be seen in Fowke, which has come to English from Continental Germanic via Norman French.
Early Bearers: Guiseppe Fulgoni, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (London); Antony Fulgoni, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Essex); Carlo Fulgoni, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (London).

Other info: Note an individual surnamed Fulgoni, "also known as Fulconi", reported in the London Gazette, 13 January 1981, p. 501.

Fusco
GB frequency, 1881: 6
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Italian: nickname for someone with dark hair or a swarthy complexion, from Italian fusco 'dark' (Latin fuscus); in some cases it may be from a medieval personal name derived from the Roman family name Fuscus, originally of the same meaning.

Gabriele
Current frequencies: GB: 141, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 5
main GB location, 1881: London
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from personal name Gabriele, Italian form of the biblical name meaning 'man of God' in Hebrew.
Early Bearers: Giovanni Gabriele, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Llanfiangel y Croyddn, Cardigans); Benedict Gabriele, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Birmingham, Warwicks); Domenico Gabriele, born in Sora, Italy, in Census 1911 (Pontefract, WR Yorks); Pascuale and Angelo Gabriele, born in Italy in Census 1911 (Newarks, Notts); Beneditto Gabriele, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb).

Galea
GB frequency, 1881: 7
main GB location, 1881: IoW
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Maltese
possibly from Italian galea 'helmet' or 'galley (type of ship)', though the possibility of descent from a Spanish, specifically Aragonese, personal name, appearing in a Maltese 14th-century record, has been suggested.
Early Bearers: Francesco Galea, born in Malta, in Census 1861 (Royal Navy); Charles Galea, born in Malta, Census 1861 (Royal Navy); Salvatore Galea, born in Malta, Census 1881 (Ryde, IoW); Carlo Galea, born in Malta, in Census 1891 (Flints); Joseph Galea, born in Malta, in Census 1901 (Royal Navy); Lorenzo Galea, born in Malta, in Census 1911 (Royal Navy).
References: Cassar.

Galli
Current frequencies: GB: 196, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 31
Gallo


GB frequency, 1881: 16

main GB location, 1881: WR Yorks; Middx

main Irish location, 1847-64:

language/culture: Italian

(i) Nickname: from gallo `cockerell' (Latin gallus).

(ii) Relationship name: from the medieval personal name Gallo (see Gall).

(iii) Ethnic name: for someone from France or Gaul (Latin Gallus).

(iv) Locative name: from any of numerous places named with this word, especially in southern Italy, as for example Gallo Matese (Caserta province).

Early Bearers: Mathurin Gallo, 1809 in Parish Registers (Plymouth, Devon); Eladio Gallo, in Census 1841 (Shoreditch, Middx); Antonio Gallo, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Saint Pancras, Middx); Joseph Gallo, born in Turin, Italy, Frank Gallo, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Camberwell, Surrey); Antonio Gallo, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Saint George the Martyr, Southwark, Surrey); Francis Gallo, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Norwich, Norfolk); Paulo Gallo, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Swansea, Glamorgan); Carmino Gallo, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (West Ham, Essex); Vincent Gallo, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Norwich, Norfolk); Raphael Gallo, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Saint Pancras, Middx); Giuseppe Gallo, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Saint Marylebone, Middx).

Garofalo

Current frequencies: GB: 140, Ireland: 5.

GB frequency, 1881: 1

main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Southern Italian

Locative name, nickname: from garofalo `carnation', from Greek karyophyllon, presumably
denoting someone who lived where carnations grew or who grew or sold them. De Felice
notes that the Calabrese and Sicilian dialect forms, garofalu and garofolo, denote other
species of plant, as well as a whirlwind or vortex, senses which could also have contributed to
the surname.
Early Bearers: Agata Garofalo, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Eastbourne, Sussex);
Giovanni Garofalo, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London).

Gatti
GB frequency, 1881: 39
main GB location, 1881: London
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

Relationship name: patronymic or plural form of Gatto.
Early Bearers: Giuseppe Gatti, in Census 1841 (Holborn, Middx); Carlo Gatti, in Census
1861 (Westminster, Middx); Luca Gatti, born in Switzerland, in Census 1881
(Westminster, Middx); Giuseppina Gatti, born in Genova, Italy, in Census 1881 (Chirton,
Northumb); Carlo Gatti, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Birmingham, Warwicks); Joseph
Gatti, born in Switzerland, in Census 1911 (Kinver, Staffs); Charles Lewis Gatti, born in
Rome, in Census 1911 (London); Angelo Gatti, born in London, in Census 1911
(Islington, Middx).

Gatto
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881:
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Nickname: from Italian gatto `(tom) cat', Late Latin cattus.
Other info: Serafino Gatto, born in Turin, Italy, in Census 1911 (Westminster, Middx);
Mine Gatto, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Saint Pancras, Middx).

Gauci
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Maltese and Italian (Sicily)
Regional name: from Arabic al-gawdisi, denoting a native of the island of Gozo.
Early Bearers: Maxime Gauci, "foreign", in Census 1841 (Bloomsbury, Middx); William
Gauci, born in France, in Census 1861 (Saint Pancras, Middx); Loretto Gauci, born in
Malta, in Census 1901 (Royal Navy); Giuseppe Gauci, born in Malta, in Census 1901
(Royal Navy); Mich Gauci, born in Malta, in Census 1901 (Royal Navy).
References:
Cassar
Genovese
Current frequencies: GB: 159, Ireland: 3.
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881:
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Locative name: (southern) denoting someone from Genoa in Liguria. In medieval times the Genoese were regarded as clever individuals, and it is possible that the surname was derived in some instances from a nickname with this sense.
Early Bearers: Dago Genovese, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Lancs); Andrea Genovese, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Glamorgan).

Giannini
Current frequencies: GB: 154, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881:
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from a patronymic or plural form of the personal name Giannino, a pet form of Gianni 'John'.
Early Bearers: Andrea Giannini, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (London); Dominick Giannini, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Beckenham, Kent); Riccardo Giannini, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); Salvatore Giannini, born in Switzerland, Census 1901 (London); Ottavio Giannini, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Penge, Surrey).

Giordano
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881:
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from the personal name Giordano, Italian equivalent of Jordan (see Jordan).
Early Bearers: Adolfo Giordano, born in Formia, Italy, in Census 1881 (Cambridge, Cambs); Francesco Giordano, born in Corino, Italy, in Census 1881 (Clerkenwell, Middx); Romolo Giordano, born in Florence, Italy, in Census 1891 (Cambs); Costantino Giordano, born in Rome, in Census 1911 (Camden, Middx); Alexandra Giordano, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Elswick, Northumb).

Gizzi
Current frequencies: GB: 204, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 10
main GB location, 1881: Warwicks; Middx
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: probably a patronymic from Gizio, a reduced form of the personal name Egizio, which is from an ethnic name denoting (supposed) association with Egypt.
Early Bearers: Daniel Gizzi, born in Italy in Census 1881 (Saffron Hill, Middx); Luigi Gizzi, born in San Guiseppe, Italy, in Census 1881 (Birmingham, Warwicks); Dominic
Gizzi, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Gloucs); Andrew Gizzi, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Gloucs); Angelo Gizzi, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Norfolk).

Gonnella
Current frequencies: GB: 118, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881: 7

main GB location, 1881: Angus

main Irish location, 1847-64:

language/culture: Italian

Nickname: from Italian gonnella `tunic, cloak, mantel', probably used to denote a maker or a habitual wearer of such garments.

Early Bearers: Louis Gonnella, 1861 in IGI (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Antonio Gonnella, born in Lucca, Italy, in Census 1881 (Chester, Cheshire); Emico Gonnella, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Holborn, Middx); Luis Gonnella, in Census 1881 (Forfar, Angus); Palmiro Gonnella, 1891 in IGI (Glasgow, Lanarks); Giovanni Gonnella, in Census 1891 (Hutchesontown, Lanarks); Francesco Gonnella, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Brighton, Sussex); Raffaello Gonnella, in Census 1911 (Portsmouth, Hants); Adelno Gonnella, born in Bargo, Italy, in Census 1911 (Newport, Monmouths).

Grassi

GB frequency, 1881: 9

main GB location, 1881: Surrey

main Irish location, 1847-64:

language/culture: Italian

Relationship name: patronymic or plural form of Grasso.

Early Bearers: Haman Grassi, 1770 in IGI (London); Stephen Grassi, born in Switzerland, in Census 1881 (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Pietro Grassi, born in Milan, Italy, in Census 1881 (Putney, Surrey); Carlo Grassi, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx); Carlo Grassi, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Saint George Hanover Square, Middx); Paolo Grassi, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Holborn, Middx).

Grasso
Current frequencies: GB: 158, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881:

main GB location, 1881: -

main Irish location, 1847-64:

language/culture: Italian

Nickname: from grasso `fat' (Latin crassus).

Early Bearers: Pietro Grasso, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Lambeth, Surrey); Luigi Grasso, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Westminster, Middx).

Graziano
Current frequencies: GB: 128, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881:

main GB location, 1881: -

main Irish location, 1847-64:

language/culture: Italian
**Relationship name:** from the personal name Graziano, Latin Gratianus, a derivative of gratus 'welcome, pleasing'.

*Early Bearers:* Bertus Graziano, born in Italy, in **Census 1901** (Nottingham, Notts).

**Grech**


GB frequency, 1881: 7

main GB location, 1881: Shrops

main Irish location, 1847-64:

1 language/culture: Welsh

from grach, the lenited form of crach 'scabs, skin blemishes'.

*Early Bearers:* Wales: Griffith Grach, Thlewelyn Grach 1344 in **Patent Rolls** (Merioneths);

Mereduk Grach ap Thlaward, 1344 in **Patent Rolls** (Caernarvons);

Ros Grach, 1344 in **Patent Rolls** (Cardigans).

References: Morgan and Morgan, p. 75.

2 language/culture: English

unexplained.

*Early Bearers:* Johannes Grech', 1379 in **Poll Tax** (Besthorpe, Norfolk);

Robert Gredg, 1558 in **IGI** (East Hanningfield, Essex);

Andrew Greech, 1732 in **IGI** (Bunbury, Cheshire);

John Gratdge, 1786 in **IGI** (Scropton, Derbys);

Joseph Grech, 1837 in **IGI** (Leicester, Leics).

3 language/culture: Maltese

from Italian Greco 'Greek'.

References: Cassar, p. 185.

4 language/culture: Polish, German

**Relationship name:** from the Polish or Sorbian personal name Grech, a vernacular pet form (in Silesia and elsewhere) of the Latin personal name Gregorius, see Gregory.

**Greco**


GB frequency, 1881: 7

main GB location, 1881: Lancs

main Irish location, 1847-64:

language/culture: Italian

**Ethnic name:** from Greco 'Greek' (Latin Graecus).

*Early Bearers:* Francis Greco, born in Naples, Italy, in **Census 1881** (Newport, Monmouths);

Raselo Greco, born in Italy, in **Census 1901** (Kensington, Middx);

Palma Greco, in **Census 1911** (Hamilton, Lanarks).

**Grego**


GB frequency, 1881: 11

main GB location, 1881: -

main Irish location, 1847-64:

language/culture: Italian, Spanish, Portuguese

**Ethnic name:** from Grego, Greco 'Greek'.

*Early Bearers:* Antonio Grego, in **Census 1841** (Holborn, Middx);

Legulas Greco, in **Census 1841** (Holborn, Middx);

Nevo Grego, in **Census 1871** (Perth, Perths);

Andrew Grego, born in Italy, in **Census 1901** (Shoreditch, Middx);

Angelo Grego, in **Census 1911**
(Swansea, Glamorgan); Feluccia Grego, in Census 1911 (Watford, Herts); Benedetto Grego, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Swansea, Glamorgan).

**Gregori**
Current frequencies: GB: 86, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881:  1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
from a patronymic or plural form of the personal name Gregorio (see Gregory).
*Early Bearers:* L. Gregori, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Holborn, Middx); Agostino De Gregori, born in Italy, Guiseppe De Gregori, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Giovanni Gregori, born in Italy, Carlo Gregori, in Census 1911 (Camberwell, Surrey).

**Grilli**
Current frequencies: GB: 110, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881:  1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
(i) Relationship name: patronymic or plural form of Grillo.
(ii) Nickname: possibly a reduced form of the compound name Mazzagrilli, meaning 'kill the crickets', i.e. an ironic nickname for a idler.
*Early Bearers:* Atiglio Grilli, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Holborn, Middx); Donato Grilli, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Holborn, Middx); Domenico Grilli, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Dover, Kent); Pompeo Grilli, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Lambeth, Surrey); Maria Grilli, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Fulham, Middx); Antonio Grilli, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Pontypridd, Glamorgan).

**Grillo**
Current frequencies: GB: 164, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881:  1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Nickname: from grillo `cricket' (Late Latin grillus) denoting a cheerful person.
*Early Bearers:* Francesco Grillo, born in Malta, in Census 1861 (Royal Navy); Mattia Grillo, organ grinder, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Clerkenwell, Middx); Giuseppe Grillo, shoemaker, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Holborn, Middx).

**Grima**
GB frequency, 1881:  1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian and Maltese
Relationship name: from the Germanic female personal name Grima (from grīm 'mask,
Early Bearers: Emanuel Grima, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy).

Grimaldi
Current frequencies: GB: 152, Ireland: 3.
GB frequency, 1881: 73
main GB location, 1881: London; also Cornwall and Devon
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: patronymic or plural form of the personal name Grimaldo.
Early Bearers: Ricardo Grimaldi, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Woolwich, Kent); Constantine Grimaldi, born in Greece, in Census 1891 (Paddington, Middx); Julius Grimaldi, born in Spain, in Census 1891 (Holborn, Middx); Hypotia Grimaldi, born in Turkey, in Census 1891 (Paddington, Middx); Angelo Grimaldi, in Census 1901 (Brighton, Sussex); Umberto Grimaldi, in Census 1911 (Bridgend, Glamorgan).

Grizzle
Current frequencies: GB: 135, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 23
main GB location, 1881: Herts
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Grizzell, Grissell.
language/culture: English
(i) Nickname: generally from Middle English (Old French) grisel 'grey(-haired)', also used as a term for an old man.
(ii) Relationship name: occasionally perhaps from the Middle English female personal name Grisil(d) (perhaps of Continental Germanic origin), but it is attested very rarely in medieval England and probably too late to be the source of a surname in the English Midlands. It was made familiar through the heroine of Chaucer's Clerk's Tale, a re-writing of an Italian folk tale in versions by Boccaccio and Petrarch, but the given name below is earlier than the publication of Chaucer's work.
Early Bearers: (i) given names: John de Wyntercote and Grisil his wife, 1364 in Patent Rolls (Leominster, Herefs).
(ii) Alan Grissell of Lancaster, 1319 in Patent Rolls; Henry Grisell' 1364 in Feet of Fines (Beds); William Gresele, clerk, 1399 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); John Grysell', 1430 in Feet of Fines (Bucks); Silvester Grysell, 1545 in IGI (Saint Benet Fink, London); William Grissill, 1667 in IGI (Cambridge, Cambs); George Grissel, 1691 in IGI (Holborn, Middx); Joh. Grizzle, 1745 in IGI (Inkberrow, Worcs); Mark Grizzel, 1752 in IGI (Alcester, Warwicks).

Other info: This name is also found in Greece, Corsica, and elsewhere. It is the name of the ruling family of the principality of Monaco, who went to Monaco from Genoa in the 13th century.

Grossi
GB frequency, 1881: 16
main GB location, 1881: Lancs
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: patronymic or plural form of the nickname Grosso, from Italian grosso 'big, large' (Late Latin grossus).
Early Bearers: Anthony Grossi, in Census 1851 (Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumb); William John Thomas Grossi, 1855 in IGI (Over, Cheshire); Maria Grossi, in Census 1861 (Chelsea Middx); Antonio Grossi, Peetro [sic] Grossi, born in Belmonte, Italy, in Census 1881 (Liverpool, Lancs); Carlo Grossi, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Saint George Hanover Square, Middx); Biagio Grossi, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Nantwich, Cheshire); Ferdinando Grossi, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Saint Pancras, Middx); Angelo Grossi, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Kidderminster, Worcs); Spiridiona Grossi, in Census 1911 (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

Guarino
Current frequencies: GB: 107, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from the personal name Guarino, derived from the Germanic element war(n) `guard, protect'.
Early Bearers: Maria Guarino, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Westminster, Middx).

Guerra
Current frequencies: GB: 245, Ireland: 3.
GB frequency, 1881: 3
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Spanish, Portuguese, Italian
Nickname: from guerra `war', perhaps a nickname for a soldier or a belligerent person. In some cases the Italian name may represent a short form of various compound personal names containing this element, for example Vinciguèrra, while the Iberian name may in some cases reflect a misinterpretation of the Basque base esguerra, esguerra, from esker 'left-handed'.
Early Bearers: (i) Antonio Guerra, in Census 1841 (Westminster, Middx); Joas Evangelista Guerra, born in Spain, in Census 1851 (Saint Pancras, Middx); Joas E. Guerra, born in Portugal, in Census 1871 (Hampstead, Middx); Giuseppe Guerra, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Falmouth, Cornwall); Angelo Guerra, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Westminster, Middx); Edgardo Guerra, born in Brazil, in Census 1911 (Paddington, Middx). (ii) Alexandro del Guerra, and Menoth del Guerra, both born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Oreste del Guerra, born in Wales, in Census 1881 (Sculcoates, ER Yorks); Genoeffa de la Guerra, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Westminster, Middx).
2 language/culture: Basque
Locative name: denoting someone who lived in a break or depression in a range of hills, from Basque guerrí `waist'.
Early Bearers: Fernando de la Guerra, born in Cuba, in Census 1911 (Macclesfield, Cheshire).
**Guerrero**


GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Spanish, Portuguese, Italian

Nickname: for a bellicose person or a soldier, from an agent derivative of guerra `war'. Compare **Guerra**.

Early Bearers: Joseph Guerrero, in Census 1841 (Saint George in the East, Middx); Manuel Guerrero, in Census 1841 (Basingstoke, Hants); Maria Guerrero, born in Sapin, in Census 1901 (Kensington, Middx); Virginia Guerrero, born in Spain, in Census 1911 (Liverpool, Lancs); Julian Guerrero, born in Spain, in Census 1911 (Edmonton, Middx); Juan Guerrero, born in Spain, Census 1911 (Newport, Monmouths).

**Guidera**


GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: Tipperary

Variants: Guider

language/culture: Irish of uncertain origin. It has been suggested that it may be from Irish Mac Giodaire, a personal name or byname based on giodar 'haste'. It has also been suggested (MacLysaght, Supplement to Irish Families, 84), that it may derive from Mag Fhuadaire, a personal name meaning 'wanderer'. However, it seems more likely that it is an immigrant name from Sicily, of Albanian origin. There is a large Albanian community in Sicily, and according to Caracausi Guidera is recorded in documents relating to the Albanian-speaking community of Sicily from the 18th century onwards.

Early Bearers: Ireland: Eliza Guidera, 1842 in IGI (Parsonstown, Kings county [Offaly]); Honoria Guidera in Census 1901, Ireland (Ushers Quay, Dublin); Daniel Guidera in Census 1901, Ireland (Kildellig, Queen's county [Laois]); Kate Guidera, in Census 1901, Ireland (Timoney, Tipperary); Patrick Guider in Census 1901, Ireland (Mountrath, Queen's county [Laois]); Johanna Guider in Census 1901, Ireland (Templetouhy, Tipperary).

**Guidi**

Current frequencies: GB: 151, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:

language/culture: Italian

Relationship name: patronymic or plural form of the personal name Guido.

Early Bearers: Giuseppe Guidi, in Census 1861 (Middx); Samuel Guidi, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Leicester, Leics); Carlo Guidi, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Saint Pancras, Middx); Medes Guidi, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Bethnal Green, Middx); Raffaello Guidi, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Holborn, Middx); Rinaldo Guidi, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Scipione Guidi, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Westminster, Middx).
Hannibal
Current frequencies: GB: 234, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 63
main GB location, 1881: Lancs; also Staffs and Leics
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: English
(i) Relationship name: a post-medieval variant of Annable, from Middle English Amabil, Annabel. See Amable. This female personal name fell out of fashion in the late Middle Ages, and the source of the surname was no longer recognized. It was re-interpreted in the 16th century by classically educated gentlemen as being the name of the Carthaginian general, Hannibal (247-182 BC). The surname was later sometimes re-etymologized as honey + ball or bell, hence spellings such as Honeyball and Hunnibell. In this new guise, it coincided with an established variant of Annable with initial H-: compare Johannes Hanable, 1377 in Poll Tax (Langford Budville, Somerset), and note Henrico Hanabulsone, 1379 in Poll Tax (Thringstone, Leics).
(ii) there is no evidence for the use of Hannibal as a given name in England before 1619, when Hannibal Gammon was rector of Mawgan in Pyder, Cornwall (Withycombe). As a medieval surname, it was borne by Matthew Hanibal (1255, Close Rolls) and Peter Haniballus (Bardsley, quoting from an undated Patent Roll), both described as ‘civis Romanus’, and obviously Italians. A Roman surname from the Carthaginian Hannibal is somewhat surprising, but in any case it is unlikely that either of these Italian merchants or moneylenders founded an English family.
Early Bearers: Johannes Hanable, 1377 in Poll Tax (Langford Budville, Somerset); Thomas Hannyball, 1513 in Oxford University Register; John Anyable, 1568 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); John Hunnyball, 1588 in IGI (Lavenham, Suffolk); Moses Hunnibal, 1590 in IGI (Polstead, Suffolk); Sara Hanniball, 1635 in IGI (Groton, Suffolk); Thomas Honniball, 1674 in IGI (Great Burstead, Essex); Benjamin Hannibal, 1747 in IGI (Loughborough, Leics); Thomas Hannibal, 1759 in IGI (Kegworth, Leics); Simon Honeyball, 1792 in Parish Registers (Suffolk); Thomas Hannibal, 1799 in IGI (Lancaster, Lancs); Elizabeth Hunnibald, 1821, 1824 in Parish Registers (Shotley, Suffolk); Elizah Honeybill, 1845 in IGI (Brereton cum Smethwick, Cheshire).

Hippolyte
Current frequencies: GB: 180, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: French
Relationship name: from the personal name Hippolyte, from Greek Ippolytos. See also Italian Ippolito.
Early Bearers: Lesoun Hyppolyte, born in France, in Census 1901 (Sussex); Darren Hyppolyte, born in France, in Census 1901 (Devon).
Other info: This name occurs frequently in slave registers as a sole or first name, esp. in Mauritius, suggesting that it may sometimes have a French colonial origin.

Iacono
Current frequencies: GB: 146, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:

1 language/culture: Italian

Nickname: Southern Italian, from *iacono*, southern dialect form of *diacono* 'deacon', hence a nickname for someone in the service of a deacon or a nickname for someone thought to resemble a deacon in some way.

References:
Caracausi

2 language/culture: Italian

Relationship name: Southern Italian, possibly from an augmentative of *Giacco*, a short form of the personal name *Giacomo*.

Inglese
Current frequencies: GB: 30, Ireland: .
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

Ethnic name: meaning 'Englishman'.

Ippolito
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

from the personal name *Ippolito* (classical Greek *Hippolytos*, composed of the elements *hippos* `horse` + *lyein* `loose, release`). Compare English *Pollitt*.

Other info: This was the name of various minor early Christian saints. (In classical mythology Hippolytos was a young man who rejected the incestuous advances of his stepmother Phaedra.)

Jaconelli
Current frequencies: GB: 260, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

Nickname: from a diminutive of *Iacono*.

Jannetta
Current frequencies: GB: 145, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

from a feminine diminutive of *Gianni*, a contracted form of *Giovanni* 'John'. The name gave rise to a word *giannetta*, used to translate (*spinning*) *jenny* (a machine invented in England in
the 1760s), but it is not clear whether such a late adaptation of a name as a word influenced the development of an Italian surname.

**Early Bearers:** Giovanni Janetta in **Census 1861** (Warwicks); Fred Jannetta, in **Census 1881** (Bedwardine, Worcs); Isabella Janetta, born in Italy, in **Census 1901** (Devon); Giuseppe Jannetta, born in Italy, in **Census 1901** (Devon); Eugenio Jannetta, born in Italy, in **Census 1901** (Devon).

**Other info:** The name has been reinforced numerically by recent immigration.

**Jerome**


GB frequency, 1881: 541

main GB location, 1881: S England: esp. Hants and Berks

main Irish location, 1847-64:

**Variants:** Jerrome, Jerron, Jerram, Jerrim, Jearum, Jeram, Jaram, Jerram.

**language/culture:** English

**Relationship name:** from either of two distinct personal names which became confused in Middle English: Continental Germanic Ger(r)am (Gerrannus) and Greek Ierōnymos. The latter is the source of Italian Geronimo, French Jérôme, English Jerome, and other cognates. The former would certainly be assumed to be the forename of Geram de Curzun were it not for the fact that he is also recorded as Jeronimus and Geronimus. The name Gerrannus may also have become Gerrans; see also Gerring.

**Early Bearers:** (i) given names: Geram, 1154–89 Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Geram de Curzun, 1206 in Fine Rolls (Bucks); Jeronimus, Geronimus, Gerarmus de Curzun, 1206–11 in Curia Regis Rolls (Berks, Staffs); Jerom’ de Ponte Burgi, 1219 in Assize Rolls (Yorks); Jeronimus de Normalby, 1230 in Pipe Rolls (Lincs).

(ii) surnames: William Geran’, 1194 in Curia Regis Rolls (Shrops); Roger Geram, 1333 in Ancient Deeds ii (Leics); Peter Jerrome, 1604 in York Freemen’s Register; Joseph Jerram, 1729 in Bardsley.

**Keep**


GB frequency, 1881: 972

main GB location, 1881: Berks; Beds; London

main Irish location, 1847-64:

**Locative name, occupational name:** from Middle English kepe, possibly in the sense 'keep of a castle' though this is not otherwise recorded until the late 16th century (perhaps a translation of Italian tenazza 'that which keeps'), or in the sense 'look-out place' (Old English *cēpe, from cēpan 'to watch, look out for').

**Early Bearers:** Petr’ de la Koype (read Keype), 1296, Thom’ ate Kepe, 1327, Thom’ atte Kepe, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Woolbeding, Sussex); Robert de Kepe, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Cumb); Johannes atte Kepe, 1379 in Poll Tax (Woolbeding, Sussex); Ricardo Kepe, 1381 in Poll Tax (Grove, Berks); Johannes Kepe, 1381 in Poll Tax (Fratton, Hants); Ralph de Kepe, 1384, John Kepe, 1424 in Feet of Fines (Northants); Jane Keepe, 1540 in IGI (Wantage, Berks); Ayles Keepe, 1555 in IGI (Dunton, Beds); Alce Keepe, 1558 in IGI (Claypole, Lincs); John Keep, 1632 in IGI (Peasemore, Berks); Robert Keep, 1653 in IGI (Northill, Beds); George Keep, 1676 in IGI (Doddington, Lincs).

**References:** OED, s.v. keep n.; Löfvenberg, pp. 31-2; Vocabulary of English Place-Names, s.v. *cape.
Koumi
Current frequencies: GB: 136, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Greek
Relationship name: probably from a reduced form of the personal name Yiakoumis, Greek form of the Italian name Giacomo (Late Latin Iacomus; see James).

Lama
GB frequency, 1881: 6
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic)
Locative name: denoting someone who lived by a marsh, lama. The Italian and Spanish names may also be from any of numerous places named with this word.
Early Bearers: Ester, daughter of Moses Lama, 1696 in Parish Registers (Canterbury, Kent); John Lama, 1703 in IGI (Canterbury, Kent); Hannah Lama, in Census 1841 (Adlington, Cheshire); John Lamma, warehouseman, in Census 1841 (Southwark, Surrey); Dominic Lama, 1858 in IGI (Saint Pancras, Middx), probably identical with Domenico Lama, photographer, born in Italy, in Census 1861 (Marylebone, Middx); Robert Lama, in Census 1861 (Drypool, ER Yorks); Joseph Lama, born in Italy, in Census 1861 (Cheshire).
language/culture: Tibetan, Nepali
Buddhist, from Tibetan blama 'priest, monk'.

Landi
GB frequency, 1881: 15
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: patronymic or plural form of the personal name Lando Lando, a short form of Orlando or similar.

Lanni
Current frequencies: GB: 185, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: Southern Italian, variant of Landi, which is a patronymic or plural from the personal name Lando, a reduced form of Orlando or Rolando.
Early Bearers: Lorenzo Lanni, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Middx); Paolo Lanni, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Liverpool, Lancs).

Lanza
Lazzari
GB frequency, 1881: 25
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: Southern Italian, from the personal name Lazzaro, see Lazar.

Leonardi
GB frequency, 1881: 10
main GB location, 1881: Notts
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from the male given name Leonardo.

Leone
GB frequency, 1881: 17
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
from Italian leone 'lion'.
Early Bearers: John Leone, 1804 in IGI (Buxton, Norfolk).

Licata
Current frequencies: GB: 139, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian (Sicilian)
Locative name: from Licata (Agrigento province).

Loi
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Chinese
Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 魯, see Lu (6).
2 language/culture: Chinese
Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 雷, see Lui (1).
3 language/culture: Vietnamese
unexplained; probably from one of the Chinese names above.
4 language/culture: Indian (Panjab)
from Manipuri loi, a term meaning 'outcast' or 'member of a scheduled caste'. Manipuri is a
language spoken in the state of Manipur in the far northeast of India, on the border with
Burma. Loi is a term in Manipur used to denote villages that refused to convert to Hinduism
when this became the state religion in Manipur.

**Lombardi**
GB frequency, 1881: 9
main GB location, 1881: Middx
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: patronymic or plural form of Lombardo.
*Early Bearers*: Lorenzo Lombardi, 1760 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); Domenico Lombardi,
1838 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); Salvatore Lombardi, born in Italy, in Census 1881
(Camden, Middx); Pablo Lombardi, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Saint James, Middx);
Ferdinando Lombardi, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Westminster, Middx); Francesco
Lombardi, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); Alfonso Lombardi, born in Italy, in
Census 1901 (London).

**Lombardo**
GB frequency, 1881: 3
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Lombardi.
language/culture: Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese
Ethnic name: ethnic name specifically denoting someone from Lombardy (see Lombard), or
more generally for someone from northern Italy, as opposed to the south (i.e. the area once
under Byzantine rule).
*Early Bearers*: (i) Italian: Nicolo Lombardo in Census 1861 (Royal Navy); Antonio
Lombardo in Census 1861 (Northumb); Guiseppe Lombardo, born in Italy, in Census
1891 (London).
(ii) Spanish: Luis Andres De Los Santos Lombardo, 1875 in IGI (Meppershall, Beds).
(iii) John Lombardo, born in Constantinople [Istanbul], in Census 1881 (Westminster,
Middx) Demetrius Lombardo, born in Constantinople, in Census 1881 (Westminster,
Middx).
Other info: In the form Lombardos it is also found as a Greek family name.

**Longo**
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese
Nickname: from *longo* 'tall, lanky', a dialect variant of *lungeo* (from Latin *longus*). In some cases the surname may be Spanish or Portuguese, of the same derivation and meaning.
*Early Bearers:* (i) Rophael *Longo*, 1810 in *IGI* (Alverstoke, Hants); Giuseppe *Longo*, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Westminster, Middx); Battista *Longo*, pantryman, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Lambeth, Surrey); Lorenzo *Longo*, tailor, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Paddington, Middx).

**Lorenzo**

GB frequency, 1881: 16
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Spanish and Italian, patronymic from the personal name *Lorenzo*, a derivative of Latin *Laurentius* (see *Lawrence*).
*Early Bearers:* Pedro *Lorenzo*, 1667 in *IGI* (Sedgefield, Durham); Domingo *Lorenzo*, 1789 in *IGI* (Chester le Street); Segundo *Lorenzo*, 1861 in *IGI* (Leighton Buzzard, Beds).

**Lui**

GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Chinese
Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 雷 (Lei in Mandarin pinyin, Loi in Cantonese romanization), meaning 'thunder' in Chinese:
(i) from the second element of Fang Lei (方雷), the name of an ancient state prior to the Xia dynasty (2070-1600 BC). The state is said to have been named for Fang Lei Shi, son of the legendary king Yu Wang (traditional dates: 4561-4494 BC), associated with a fief called Fangshan (perhaps in present-day Yuzhou or Songshan in Henan province). Some of the people from the state acquired 雷 as their surname, while others acquired 方 (Fang) as their surname.
(ii) said to be traced back to Lei Gong (雷公), a famous doctor during the reign of the legendary Huang Di, the Yellow Emperor (traditional dates: 2697-2599 BC).
2 language/culture: Chinese
Cantonese form of the Chinese surname 雷, see *Lu* (6).

**Luke**

GB frequency, 1881: 2889
main GB location, 1881: Cornwall and Devon; also London; Durham and Northumb; Lancs; Hants; central Scotland
main Irish location, 1847-64: Antrim
Variants: Look, Luck, Luk, Lukes.

1 language/culture: English
(i) Relationship name: from the Middle English personal name Luke or Luck, popular forms of Lucas. See Lucas.
(ii) Relationship name: from the Middle English personal name Louke, a reduced form of Lovecok, an English pet form of the Anglo-Norman French personal name Lou, Leu, Love.

(ii) surnames, England: William Lucke, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Thomas Lucke, 1332 in Subsidy Rolls (Staffs); Simon Luk, 1286 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Suffolk); Godfrey Lukke, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); John Lukke, 1381 in Archaeologia Cantiana iii; John Louk, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Suffolk); John Look, 1379 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); Margery Luke, 1541 in IGI (Bluntisham cum Earith, Hunts); John Luke, 1550 in IGI (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); Johana Luke, 1560 in IGI (Ingatestone, Essex); Thoms Luk, 1562 in IGI (Ipswich, Suffolk); Joan Luke, 1563 in IGI (Boughton under Blean, Kent); John Luke, 1567 in IGI (Bishops Tawton, Devon); Henry Luke, 1620 in IGI (Jarrow, Durham); Edward Luke, 1633 in IGI (Tynemouth, Northumb).
(iii) Scotland: Margaret Luke, 1609 in IGI (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Elspet Luke, 1622 in IGI (Glasgow, Lanarks); Helene Luke, 1656 in IGI (Dundee, Angus); Patrick Luke, 1691 in IGI (Huntly, Aberdeens); Donald Luke, 1737 in IGI (Lochgoilhead and Kilmorich, Argyll).

References: Redmonds, Surnames and Genealogy, pp. 47-9; McClure, Jack I, p. 103.

2 language/culture: Belgian
Locative name: from Luick (Flemish name of Liège, Belgium).
Early Bearers: Lucas de Luk', de Lukes, 1274 in Hundred Rolls (London); Richard Luike, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Thomas Luike, 1564 in IGI (Saint Olave Old Jewry, London); Susannah Luke, 1656 in IGI (Haddenham, Cambs).

3 language/culture: Italian
see De Luca.

4 language/culture: English
reduced form of Levick.

5 language/culture: Chinese
romanization of the Chinese surname 邱, based on its Cantonese pronunciation. See Lu (5).

Lupino
Current frequencies: GB: 18, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:

language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from a pet form of the personal name Lupo, which is in part a direct continuation of the Latin personal name Lupus, from a word meaning `wolf', and in part a medieval revival under the influence of Germanic personal names formed with wulf `wolf'. Compare the English surnames Lovell and Lovett, which go back to the same root.
Early Bearers: Venantia Lupino, 1780 in IGI (Westminster, Middx).

Other info: According to Reaney, this is the name of a theatrical family of Italian origin, established in England since 1642.
Lusardi
Current frequencies: GB: 106, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from a Genoese form of the Sardinian personal name Luxorio, Lussorio, according to Caracausi.
Early Bearers: Bernard Lusardi, 1791 in IGI (Liverpool, Lancs); Petro Lusardi, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Clerkenwell, Middx); Guiseppe Lusardi, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); Pietro Lusardi, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (London).
Other info: Lussorio was a Christian soldier martyred during the persecutions of Diocletian (AD 284-305). San Lussorio is the patron saint of several places in the provinces of Nuoro and Oristano in Sardinia.

Macari
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: S Italian
(i) Relationship name: a patronymic from the personal name Macario, from Greek makarios 'blessed'.
(ii) It may also be a locative name, from a place in Italy called Maccari or an Italianized version of Maqqarah in Algeria.
Early Bearers: Rafael Macari, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (London).

Maffei
Current frequencies: GB: 122, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
from the personal name Maffeo, a medieval variant of Matteo (see Matthew).

Magri
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: patronymic or plural form of Magro, from Italian magro 'thin, lean' (Latin macer).
2 language/culture: Catalan
Nickname: Magrí, from a diminutive of magre ‘lean’.
Other info:
DAFN
Maina
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Italian
unexplained.
2 language/culture: Nigerian
unexplained.
3 language/culture: Nepalese
unexplained.

Maini
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Northern Italian
Relationship name: patronymic or plural form of Maino, from a personal name of Germanic origin, recorded as Mainold in Siena in AD 715 and as Mainulus in Farfa in Sabina (Rieti).
References:
De Felice

Mamo
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Italian and Maltese
Occupational name: from modern Greek mam(m)os 'obstetrician'.
References: Cassar.
2 language/culture: Maltese
Relationship name: from a Sicilian-Arabic personal name Mamo, possibly a reduced latinized form of Mohamed or Mahmood
References: Cassar.
3 language/culture: Ethiopian
unexplained.

Mancini
GB frequency, 1881: 12
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Nickname: from Italian mancino 'left-handed'.

Manfred
Current frequencies: GB: 22, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 12
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: German, Dutch
Relationship name: from the German personal name Manfred. This is popular as a given name in N Germany, although as a German surname it is comparatively rare. It was popular among the Lombards, who dominated N Italy from the 6th century onwards, and whose influence spread to other parts of Italy and Sicily. See Manfredi. According to German sources, it is composed of the elements man 'man' + frid 'peace'; Italian sources derive the first element from magin `strength'.

**Manfredi**

Current frequencies: GB: 273, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 9
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from the Germanic (Lombard) personal name Maginfrid, composed of the elements mag(in) `strength, might' + frid `peace'. Compare Manfred.

Other info: The name was most famously borne in Italian history by Manfredo (c.1232-66), king of Sicily 1258-66, son of the Holy Roman emperor Frederick II.

**Mangion**

GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Maltese
Nickname: reduced form of the Italian surname Mangione, from a nickname for a glutton, mangione 'big eater', a derivative of mangiare 'to eat'.

References: Cassar, De Felice

**Mansi**

Current frequencies: GB: 348, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
patronymic or plural form of Manso, a nickname for a mild, inoffensive person, from manso 'tame, docile' (Late Latin mansus, classical Latin mansuetus `tamed', literally 'accustomed to the hand'). Compare Manzi.

Early Bearers:

**Manzi**

GB frequency, 1881: 19
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

(i) **Nickname:** from *manzo* 'ox' (a derivative of Late Latin *mansus* `tame', in the particular sense of an ox tamed to draw a plough).
(ii) **Nickname:** from *manso* `gentle, mild'.
(iii) **Relationship name:** from *Manso*, a Germanic personal name based on *magin* `strength, might'. Compare *Main, Manfred, Manfredi*.

**Marandola**

Current frequencies: GB: 94, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: 

**Relationship name:** from *Marandolo*, a Lombard personal name of Germanic origin.

**Marcantonio**


GB frequency, 1881: 
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: 

**Relationship name:** from a composite personal name formed with *Marco + Antonio*.

*Early Bearers:*

**Marchese**


GB frequency, 1881: 
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: 

**Relationship name, nickname:** from the title of rank *marchése* `marquis' (in Italy the rank immediately below that of duke), probably applied as a nickname for someone who behaved like a marquis or for a servant in the household of a marquis. However, 13th- and 14th-century documents show that the term was also in use as a personal name at that time.

**Marchetti**


GB frequency, 1881: 3
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: 

**Relationship name:** patronymic or plural of *Marchetto*, a pet form of the personal name *Marco* (see *Mark*).

**Marchi**

Current frequencies: GB: 144, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881: 3
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Marco
GB frequency, 1881: 12
main GB location, 1881:
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Spanish, Catalan, Italian
Relationship name: Spanish, Catalan, and Italian, from the personal name Marco (see Mark).

Marenghi
Current frequencies: GB: 185, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 3
main GB location, 1881:
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Locative name: from Marengo, near Alessandria, Piedmont, Italy.

Margiotta
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881:
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Southern Italian
Locative name: from medieval Italian mariciotta, diminutive of maricio 'salt marsh' (Latin maricius).

Maria
GB frequency, 1881: 10
main GB location, 1881:
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Huguenot
Relationship name: from the female personal name, Latin Maria (see Marie).
Early Bearers: Anne Maria, 1677 in IGI (Threadneedle Street French Huguenot church, London).
2 language/culture: Spanish, Italian, Portuguese
Relationship name: from the female personal name, Latin Maria (see Marie).

Mariani
Current frequencies: GB: 146, Ireland: 3.
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881:
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
(i) Relationship name: patronymic or plural form of the personal name Mariano, from the Latin family name Marianus, a derivative of the ancient personal name Marius, of Etruscan
(ii) **Locative name:** in some cases, a toponymic from *Mariano* (Bergamo; Mariano Comense in Como).

*Early Bearers:*

**Marini**  
GB frequency, 1881: 2  
main GB location, 1881: -  
main Irish location, 1847-64:  
language/culture: Italian  
plural or possessive of *Marino.*

**Marino**  
GB frequency, 1881: 21  
main GB location, 1881: -  
main Irish location, 1847-64:  
Variants: *Marini.*  
language/culture: Italian  
**Relationship name:** patronymic or plural form of the personal name *Marino,* Latin *Marinus.*

**Marsella**  
GB frequency, 1881: 0  
main GB location, 1881: -  
main Irish location, 1847-64:  
language/culture: Italian  
**Relationship name:** variant of Marsella, a feminine pet form of *Marzo.*

**Martinelli**  
Current frequencies: GB: 210, Ireland: 0.  
GB frequency, 1881: 20  
main GB location, 1881: -  
main Irish location, 1847-64:  
language/culture: Italian  
from a pet form of the personal name *Martino,* Italian form of *Martin.*

**Martini**  
GB frequency, 1881: 55  
main GB location, 1881: -  
main Irish location, 1847-64:  
2 language/culture: Italian  
**Relationship name:** from a patronymic or plural form of the personal name &lt;italian&gt;Martino, Italian equivalent of *Martin.*

*Early Bearers:* Dominico Martini, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (London, Middx).  
1 language/culture: German  
**Relationship name:** German humanistic name, from the genitive singular or genitive plural
form of Latin Martinus, see Martin. Early Bearers: Spes Martini, 1625, and Maria Euphrosyna Martini, 1655 in IGI (Greystoke, Cumb).

Other info: Latin Martini is also quite often found as a form of the English surname Martin in early registers written in Latin.

**Martino**

GB frequency, 1881: 8
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian

Relationship name: from the Italian personal name Martino, Italian equivalent of Martin.

**Marzo**

GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian

Relationship name: from a personal name derived from Latin Martius, adjectival derivative of Mars, name of the Roman god of war. Martius (mensis) denotes the month of March; in some cases this word was bestowed as a given name on someone born or converted to Christianity in this month.

**Massa**

Current frequencies: GB: 173, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 48
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian

Locative name: from any of the many places in Italy called Massa. In Latin massa denoted an estate.

Early Bearers: William Massa, 1702 in IGI (Saint James, Westminster, Middx); Mary Massa, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (York).

**Massarella**

GB frequency, 1881: 7
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian

Occupational name, status name: from a diminutive of massaro, from medieval Latin massarius, a derivative of massa `farm, estate'. In northern Italy this word denoted a tenant farmer or share cropper; in central and southern Italy it also denote an agent or steward of a country estate.

**Matta**
GB frequency, 1881: 48
main GB location, 1881: Cornwall
main Irish location, 1847-64:

1 language/culture: Cornish, English

Nickname: from Middle Cornish mata 'mate, friend, companion' (from Middle English mate).

Early Bearers: John Mate, 1524 in Subsidy Rolls (Wendron, Cornwall); John, Pedrac Mata, 1543 Subsidy Rolls (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall); Solomon Matta, 1587 in IGI (Newlyn by Penzance, Cornwall); Mawd Matta, 1625 in IGI (Saint Just in Roseland, Cornwall).

2 language/culture: Italian

(i) Relationship name: from the personal name Matto.
(ii) Nickname: from matto, a dialect variant of Italian pazzo 'crazy, eccentric'.

Mauro

Current frequencies: GB: 156, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

Relationship name, nickname, ethnic name: from the personal name Mauro, derived from the Latin personal and ethnic name Maurus, meaning 'Moor, North African'; or from the same word, mauro, used as a nickname or ethnic name. Compare Moore.

Mazza

Current frequencies: GB: 170, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 9
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

(i) Nickname: from mazza `club, mace, sledgehammer', used to denote a mace bearer, but also for a violent and destructive individual.
(ii) It may alternatively be from a reduced form of Giacomo, Italian form of James with the pejorative suffix -azzo. Compare Mazzone.

Mazzone

Current frequencies: GB: 131, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 3
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

augmentative derivative of Mazza or reduced form of Giacomazzo, a derivative of the personal name Giacomo, Italian form of James. -azzo is an augmentative suffix and -one is pejorative, so the implication is something like 'big bad James'.

Mazzotta

Current frequencies: GB: 159, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 1
Meli
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Southern Italian
(i) Relationship name: patronymic or plural form of the personal name Melo, a reduced form of Carmelo or some other personal name ending in -melo.
(ii) Relationship name, nickname: from a medieval Greek personal name, Melis, or an affectionate nickname from Sicilian meli `honey'.

Mercieca
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Maltese
(i) Locative name: perhaps from Marsica or Marseca, a region of Abruzzo, Italy,
(ii) Locative name: possibly from Italian merceria 'haberdashery'.
References: Cassar.

Messina
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Locative name: Southern Italian, from Messina (Sicily), which was named Messana in the 5th century BC when it was captured by Anaxilaos of Rhegium; previously it had been known as Zancle.
Other info: This is a very common surname in Sicily, especially in Palermo and Catania.

Miele
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: Southern Italian, from a personal name or affectionate nickname from miele `honey'.
2 language/culture: French
Nickname: French, for a producer of honey, from a feminine form of miel `honey'.
3 language/culture: Dutch
**Relationship name:** Dutch, from a personal name, perhaps of Germanic origin, or from a reduced form of the personal names *Amilius*, *Amelis*, or *Emilia*.

**Milazzo**
Current frequencies: GB: 99, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: language/culture: Italian
**Locative name:** from Milazzo in Messina province, Sicily.

**Minchella**
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: language/culture: Italian
of unexplained etymology.
*Early Bearers:* Francesco Minchella, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Hants).
*Other info:* Giuseppe Minchella came from Cassino in Lazio, Italy, in 1905 and set up an ice-cream business in Sunderland.

**Mizzi**
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: language/culture: Italian
**Relationship name:** from *Mizio*, probably a reduced form of the personal name *Domizio* (Latin *Domitius*).
2 language/culture: S Italian
**Nickname:** from medieval Greek *mīććo* `small`.

**Molinari**
Current frequencies: GB: 133, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 14
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: language/culture: Italian
**Occupational name:** from *molinaro* 'miller', an agent derivative of *molino* 'mill'.

**Monaco**
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: language/culture: Italian (Mònaco)
**Nickname:** from Italian *monaco* `monk` (from Greek *monakhos* `monk, solitary`), used to
denote someone of monkish habits or appearance, or for a servant employed at a monastery. *Early Bearers:* 

**Other info:** *Monachos* is also found as a Greek family name. Compare English *Monk.*

### Montefiore

**Current frequencies:** GB: 14, Ireland: ~

- **GB frequency, 1881:** 24
- **main GB location, 1881:** Middx
- **main Irish location, 1847-64:**
- **language/culture:** Jewish (Italy)

from Italian *monte* `hill' + *fiore* `flower', either an ornamental adoption, or a locative name from an unidentified place

*Early Bearers:* Abigail *Montefiore,* 1871 in *Cemetery Scribes* (Hackney Jewish Cemetery, Middx); Joseph Levi *Montefiore,* born in Bridgetown, Barbados, in *Census 1881* (Croydon, Surrey); Joseph Barrow *Montefiore,* 1893 in *Cemetery Scribes* (Balls Pond Road Jewish Cemetery, Dalston, Middx); Moses Haim *Montefiore,* born in Livorno, Italy, 1885 in *Cemetery Scribes* (Ramsgate, Kent).

*Other info:* The distinguished family of Italian Jewish descent who bear this name include amongst their members Hugh Montefiore, a former Bishop of Birmingham.

### Monti

**Current frequencies:** GB: 157, Ireland: 1.

- **GB frequency, 1881:** 28
- **main GB location, 1881:** London
- **main Irish location, 1847-64:**
- **language/culture:** Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, and Jewish (Sephardic)

**Locative name:** from the plural or genitive of Italian *monte* `mountain' (Latin *mons*, genitive *montis*), either a toponymic name for someone who lived by or on a mountain or a toponym from any of the many places named with this word.

*Early Bearers:* Antonio *Monti,* dealer, born in Italy, in *Census 1851* (Canterbury, Kent); Michael *Monti,* sculptor, born in Italy, in *Census 1871* (Saint Pancras, Middx); Saverio *Monti,* footman, born in Italy, in *Census 1881* (Chelsea, Middx); Jivonanni [sic] *Monti,* cook, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Farringdon, London); Amielo *Monti,* rug hawker, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Liverpool, Lancs); Francisco *Monti,* labourer, born in Naples, Italy, in *Census 1911* (Barrow in Furness, Lancs); Colombo *Monti,* asphalter, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Holborn, Middx).

### Morelli

**Current frequencies:** GB: 298, Ireland: 97.

- **GB frequency, 1881:** 20
- **main GB location, 1881:** -
- **main Irish location, 1847-64:**
- **language/culture:** Italian

**Relationship name:** a patronymic or plural form of *Morello,* *Morello* has two possible origins: (1) a pet form or diminutive of *Moro* (which is either a variant of the Italian personal name *Mauro,* from the Latin personal and ethnic name *Maurus,* meaning 'Moor, North African', or the same word, *mauro,* applied as a nickname or ethnic name); or (2) a reduced form of *Amorello,* from a pet form of the personal name *Amore* (from a term of endearment
meaning `love'). Compare Moretti.

**Early Bearers:** John Morelli, 1806 in IGI (Holborn, Middx).

**Moretti**


GB frequency, 1881: 17

main GB location, 1881:

main Irish location, 1847-64:

language/culture: Italian

**Relationship name:** a patronymic or plural form of Moretto. Moretto derives from a pet form or diminutive of Moro, which is either a variant of the medieval Italian personal name Mauro, from the Latin personal and ethnic name Maurus, meaning `Moor, North African', or the same word, mauro, applied as a nickname or ethnic name. Compare Morelli.

**Early Bearers:** Joseph Ferdinand Jasperrine Vincent Moretti, 1833 in IGI (Lambeth, Surrey).

**Mori**


GB frequency, 1881: 17

main GB location, 1881: Norfolk; Stirlings

main Irish location, 1847-64:

1 language/culture: Italian

**Relationship name:** a patronymic form of the personal name Moro, which is a variant of Mauro (see Mauro).

2 language/culture: English, Scottish perhaps occasionally a variant of Morey.

**Morpurgo**


GB frequency, 1881: 6

main GB location, 1881: Middx

main Irish location, 1847-64:

language/culture: Jewish

**Locative name:** from Marburg, the German name of Maribor in Slovenia.

**Early Bearers:** Isaac Morpurgo, 1857 in Bevis Marks Records (London); Elias Morpurgo, 1858 in BMD (Whitechapel, Middx); Morris Morpurgo, commercial traveller, born in Amsterdam, Holland, in Census 1881 (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Morpurgo, cigar maker, born in Amsterdam, in Census 1891 (Hackney, Middx); Mordecai Morpurgo, railway porter, born in Holland, in Census 1901 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Mordecai Morpurgo, banker, born 1827 in Gorizia, died 1899 in Trieste; Mordecai Morpurgo, banker, born 1827 in Gorizia, died 1899 in Trieste; Gioacchino (Giachino, Joachim) Morpurgo, born 1834 in Trieste, died 1886 in Vienna. Note also Emma Marburger, 1883 in IGI (Bywell, Northumb), who may be of German stock, named from Marburg in the
state of Hesse.

References:
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accessed 3 October 2011.

**Morreale**

Current frequencies: GB: 151, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian (Sicily)

**Locative name:** from Monreale near Palermo, Sicily, so named from *monte regale* `regal mountain'.

**Early Bearers:**

**Moruzzi**

GB frequency, 1881: 5
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

**Relationship name:** probably from a pet form of the medieval Italian personal name *Morus*.

**Musa**

GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:

Variants: Moussa, Musa, Moosa.

1 language/culture: Arabic, Muslim
from the Arabic personal name *Musa* (the Biblical *Moses*). The Qur'an says (19:51): 'He was specially chosen, and he was a Messenger and a Prophet'.

2 language/culture: Southern Italian

**Locative name:** from any of the places called Musa, particularly the one in Melito di Porto Salvo (Reggio Calabria), and the one in Nissoria (Enna province, Sicily).

**Muscat**

GB frequency, 1881: 7
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Maltese, Italian

**Relationship name:** Maltese and Italian variant of Italian *Muscato*, from the personal name *Muscasto*, ultimately a derivative of Latin *muscus* `moss'.

References: DAFN.

**Naples**

GB frequency, 1881: 55
Napolitano
GB frequency, 1881: 3
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Locative name: Southern Italian, habitational name denoting someone from Naples, perhaps from Neapolitan dialect Napulitanë, an adjectival derivative of Napoli. Compare standard Italian Napoletano.

Nardini
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from Nardino, a diminutive of the personal name Nardo, originally a pet form of any of the various personal names (of Germanic origin) ending with -nardo, such as Bernardo, Leonardo.
Early Bearers:

Nardone
Current frequencies: GB: 214, Ireland: 42.
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
from an augmentative of the personal name Nardo, originally a pet form of any of the various personal names (of Germanic origin) ending with -nardo, such as Bernardo, Leonardo.
Early Bearers:

Navarro
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Nabarro.
language/culture: Spanish, Italian, Jewish
Spanish, Italian, and Jewish (Sephardic) (of Basque origin), regional name denoting someone from Navarre.

*Early Bearers:* Caytano Navarro, born in Spain, in Census 1871 (London); Emilio Navarro, born in Spain, in Census 1891 (Lancs); Juan Navarro, in Census 1911 (Lancs); Alberto Navarro, born in Spain, in Census 1911 (London).

**Negri**

Current frequencies: GB: 122, Ireland: 3.

GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

typically north-central Italian (Lombardy, Emiglia Romagna) surname from an ancestral form of modern nero 'black'.

**Neri**


GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Spanish

Spanish, from a personal name, from the name of a 16th-century Italian saint, Filippo Neri (see 2).

2 language/culture: Italian (Tuscany)

from a pet form of the personal name Raineri, Ran(i)eri, or Rin(i)eri, or in some cases from later personal names such as Guarniero, Falconiere, Soldaniero.

**Nicola**


GB frequency, 1881: 6
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

Relationship name: from the male personal name Nicola (see Nicholas). Compare Nicoletti.

**Nicoletti**


GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

Relationship name: from a diminutive of the male personal name Nicola (see Nicola).

Early Bearers:

**Nota**

Current frequencies: GB: 142, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Indian (Panjab)
Sikh, unexplained.
2 language/culture: Italian
unexplained.
Early Bearers: Ghilieelmo Nota, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Shoreditch, Middx); Giovanni Nota, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Brentford, Middx); Luigi Nota, organ grinder, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Keighley, WR Yorks).

Noto
Current frequencies: GB: 143, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian (Sicily)
Locative name: toponymic from Noto (Siracusa province).
Early Bearers:

Obertelli
Current frequencies: GB: 128, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from a diminutive of the personal name Oberto, of Germanic origin (*Audhalberht 'possession, wealth' + 'bright, famous').
Early Bearers:
References:
De Felice

Oliva
GB frequency, 1881: 12
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Spanish, Portuguese, Italian
Locative name: from Spanish, Portuguese, Italian oliva 'olive tree'; in many cases, via a place named with this word.

Orlando
Current frequencies: GB: 222, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
from the personal name Orlando, earlier Rolando (see Rowland).

Orsi
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Durso.

1 language/culture: Italian
(i) Relationship name: patronymic or plural form of Orso, from the personal name or nickname meaning 'bear' (from Latin ursus).
(ii) possibly also be an italicized form of Slovenian Uršič, a relationship name from either the female personal name Urša, a reduced form of Uršula (Latin Ursula), or the male personal name Urh, Slovenian vernacular form of Ulrik, German Udalrich.
Early Bearers: Gussepe [sic] Orsi, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Southampton, Hants); Angelo Carlo Orsi, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Hastings, Sussex); Gino Orsi, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Hendon, Middx); Raphael Orsi, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Marylebone, Middx); Paolo Orsi, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (West Ham, Essex); Domenico Orsi, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Chelsea, Middx).

2 language/culture: Hungarian (Örsi)
Locative name: denoting someone from any of several places in Hungary called Örs.

3 language/culture: Italian
see Durso.

Ottolangui
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Ottolenghi.

language/culture: Jewish

Locative name: from Ettlingen in Baden-Württemberg, Germany. Ottolangui is a folk italianization of the German place-name, altered to resemble Italian otto 'eight' + lingue 'tongues'. The name was taken to northern Italy, in particular Piedmonte and Lombardy, by Jewish refugees in the 16th century.
Early Bearers: Emilia Ottolengui, 1842 in BMD (Whitechapel, Middx); Mordecai Ottolengui, 1846 in BMD (Whitechapel, Middx); Miriam Ottolengui, 1847 in BMD (Whitechapel, Middx); Abraham Ottolengui, 1847 in BMD (London); Joshua Ottolengui, 1848 in BMD (Whitechapel, Middx); Israel Ottolengui, 1856 BMD (London); Aaron Ottolangue, born in Middx, in Census 1861 (Spitalfields, Middx); Emanuel Ottolangui, born in England, in Census 1871 (Mile End Old Town, Middx); Monte Ottolangue, fishmonger, born in Aldgate, in Census 1891 (London); Judah Ottolangui, auctioneer, born in Stepney, in Census 1911 (Whitechapel, Middx).

References:
De Felice

Pacitti
GB frequency, 1881: 10
main GB location, 1881: Midlothian
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from a patronymic or plural form of Pacitto.
Early Bearers: Tresi Pacitti, 1874 in BMD (Chesterfield, Derbys); Giuseppe Pacitti, ice cream maker, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Holborn, Middx); Alfonso Pacitti, ice cream dealer, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Barony, Lanarks); Galtano Pacitti, piano grinder, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks); Giovani Pacitti, itinerant musician, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Newport, Isle of Wight).

Pacitto
GB frequency, 1881: 5
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: 
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from a diminutive of the Italian personal name Pace, a reduced form of Pasquale.
Early Bearers: Francesco Pacitto, 1877 in BMD (Manchester, Lancs); Alfonso Pacitto, musician, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Cockermouth, Cumb); Juan Battstì Pacitto, 1883 in IGI (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Stefano Pacitto, musician, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Vittoria Pacitto, ice cream vendor, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Middlesbrough, NR Yorks); Gaetano Pacitto, ice cream maker, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Kingston upon Hull, ER Yorks).

Pagano
Current frequencies: GB: 145, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 16
main GB location, 1881: Lancs
main Irish location, 1847-64: 
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from the personal name Pagano (from Latin paganus 'villager, rustic').
Early Bearers: Santiago Pagano, 1845 in Census 1861 (Tradeston, Lanarks); Angelo Pagano, 1866 in BMD (West Derby, Lancs); Stephano Pagano, musician, born in Palermo, Sicily, in Census 1881 (Liverpool, Lancs); Michele Pagano, ice cream vendor, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Greenwich, Kent); Antonio Pagano, cabinet maker, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Clerkenwell, Middx); Salvo Pagano, born in Palermo, Sicily, in Census 1911 (Fylde, Lancs).

Pala
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: 
1 language/culture: Indian (Gujarat)
Hindu, unexplained.
2 language/culture: Italian
Locative name: from pala 'upland meadow'.
3 language/culture: Catalan
(i) Locative name: from a place called Palà (Barcelona province).
(ii) Nickname: Catalan, also in some instances possibly from Catalan pala 'shovel' (Latin
pala), denoting someone who made or used this implement.

4 language/culture: Polish, Czech

Relationship name: from the Polish personal name Pawel, Czech Pala, vernacular forms of Paul.

5 language/culture: Czech

Nickname: from the Moravian dialect word pala `head', used as a nickname for an obstinate person.

**Paladino**


GB frequency, 1881: 0

main GB location, 1881: -

main Irish location, 1847-64: 

language/culture: Italian (mainly southern)

see Palladino.

**Palermo**


GB frequency, 1881: 0

main GB location, 1881: -

main Irish location, 1847-64: 

language/culture: Italian

Locative name: from the city of Palermo in Sicily, the Greek name of which is Panormos, from pan 'all' + ormos 'gulf, bay', probably in the sense 'wide gulf', but possibly 'well-protected bay'.

Early Bearers: (i) Amedie Palermo, born in Italy, in Census 1861 (Middx).

(ii) Cassandra Palermo, 1703 in IGI (Marylebone, Middx); Louis Palermo, 1808 in IGI (Westminster, Middx).

**Palladino**

Current frequencies: GB: 105, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881: 

main GB location, 1881: -

main Irish location, 1847-64: 

language/culture: Italian

Early Bearers: (i) Andrea Palladino, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Saint Giles, London);

Francis Peter Palladino, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Nuneaton, Warwicks); Cosimo Palladino, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Holborn, Middx).

**Palma**


GB frequency, 1881: 7

main GB location, 1881: Lancs

main Irish location, 1847-64: 

language/culture: Italian, Spanish, Portuguese
(i) **Locative name:** from any of various places called Palma (from Latin *palma* 'palm').
(ii) **Locative name:** from Parma in Italy.

*Early Bearers:* Frances Palma in **Census 1841** (Thingoe, Suffolk); Francis Palma in **Census 1841** (Saint Pancras, Middx); James Palma, 1836 in **IGI** (Leicester, Leics); Micaela Maria Palma, 1875 in **IGI** (Meppershall, Beds); Andrea Di Palma in Italy, in **Census 1911** (London).

**Palmieri**
*Current frequencies:* GB: 222, Ireland: 1.
*GB frequency, 1881:* 0
*main GB location, 1881:* -
*language/culture:* Italian

**Relationship name:** patronymic or plural form of Palmiere, which is from *palmiere* 'palmer, pilgrim', an agent derivative of *palma* 'palm', influenced by Old French *palmiere* (see Palmer).

**Palombo**
*Current frequencies:* GB: 172, Ireland: 1.
*GB frequency, 1881:* 8
*main GB location, 1881:* Inverness
*main Irish location, 1847-64:* -
*language/culture:* Italian

**Relationship name:** from the personal name Palombo, from *palombo* 'dove' (Late Latin *palumbus*).

**Palumbo**
*Current frequencies:* GB: 224, Ireland: 0.
*GB frequency, 1881:* 4
*main GB location, 1881:* -
*main Irish location, 1847-64:* -
*language/culture:* Italian

**Relationship name, nickname:** Southern Italian (especially Neapolitan), dialect variant of Palombo, from the medieval personal name Palombo, from *palombo* 'dove' (Late Latin *palumbus*). The surname can also derive directly from the vocabulary word, applied as a nickname for a mild individual or for a keeper of pigeons, which were a valuable source of food in the medieval period.

**Paolo**
*Current frequencies:* GB: 54, Ireland: 1.
*GB frequency, 1881:* 1
*main GB location, 1881:* -
*main Irish location, 1847-64:* -
*language/culture:* Italian

**Relationship name:** from the personal name Paolo, Italian form of Paul. See Poli.

**Parisi**
*GB frequency, 1881:* 5
main GB location, 1881: Lancs
language/culture: Italian

Relationship name: from a patronymic or plural form of the personal name Parise.

Early Bearers: Giacomo Parisi in Census 1861 (Holborn, Middx); Michael Parisi, born in Italy, 1881 in Census 1881 (Liverpool, Lancs).

Pasquale
Current frequencies: GB: 141, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 3
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

Relationship name: from the personal name Pasquale.

Pattani
Current frequencies: GB: 230, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Indian

see Pattni.

Pellegrini
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

Relationship name: patronymic or plural form of Pellegrino, from pellegrino 'pilgrim', which was used both as a nickname for someone who had been on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land or other important holy site and as a personal name.

Pelosi
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

Relationship name: patronymic or plural form of Peloso, from peloso 'hairy, shaggy', applied as a nickname for someone with long or unkempt hair or beard.

Penna
GB frequency, 1881: 205
main GB location, 1881: Cornwall
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Cornish
Locative name: unexplained; perhaps a shortened form of a Cornish surname of locative
origin such as Penare or Panarth.
*Early Bearers:* Edward Penna, 1584 in *Parish Registers* (Westminster, Middx); Sampson Penna, 1630 in *Parish Registers* (Constantine, Cornwall); Peter Penna, 1757 in IGI (Feock, Cornwall); Thomas Penna, 1773 in IGI (Perranzabuloe, Cornwall).

Pepe
*Current frequencies:* GB: 143, Ireland: 1.
*GB frequency, 1881:* 12
*main GB location, 1881:* Essex; Lancs
*main Irish location, 1847-64:*
*1 language/culture:* Italian

**Relationship name:** from a pet form of the Italian personal name Giuseppe (from the biblical name Joseph).

*2 language/culture:* English
*from Middle English pepe, a variant of pipe (OED). See Pipe.*

*Early Bearers:* John Pepe, 1282 in *Patent Rolls* (Devon); Ricardus Pepe, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Daventry, Northants); Johannes Peppe, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (Navestock, Essex); Thomas Pepe, 1585 in *PROB 11* (Martock, Somerset);

Pesticcio
*Current frequencies:* GB: 131, Ireland: 0.
*GB frequency, 1881:* -
*main GB location, 1881:* -
*main Irish location, 1847-64:*
*language/culture:* Italian

**Nickname:** from a variant of Italian Pasticcio, from pasticcio, which in medieval Italian meant 'pie' or 'pastry', then 'jam', and more recently 'tangle, muddle'. Any of these senses could have given rise to the surname.

*Early Bearers:* Vita Pesticcio, marine dealer, born in Naples, in *Census 1901*, identical with Vido Pesticcio, marine store dealer, in *Census 1911* in (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Vingenzo Pasticio, 1904 in BMD (Glamorgan); Raffles Pesticcio, born in Elbole, in *Census 1911* in (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Cossimo Antonio Pesticcio, 1906 in BMD (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

Petri
*Current frequencies:* GB: 167, Ireland: 3.
*GB frequency, 1881:* 27
*main GB location, 1881:* London; Lancs
*main Irish location, 1847-64:*
*1 language/culture:* German, Dutch

**Relationship name:** from a patronymic from a Latinized form of Peter, often also written as Petre in the records. See Peter.
Early Bearers: Ludwig Petri, born in Germany Census 1861 (Clerkenwall, Middx); John Petri, born in Germany Census 1871 (Mile End Old Town, Middx).

2 language/culture: Scottish variant of Petrie.

**Petrucci**
Current frequencies: GB: 191, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Pietro.  
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: patronymic from a pet form of the personal name Pietro, Italian equivalent of Peter.
Early Bearers:

**Phillippo**
Current frequencies: GB: 111, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 48
main GB location, 1881: Norfolk 
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian, English
probably an anglicization of the Italian name Filippo, from a 17th- or early 18th-century immigrant.  
Early Bearers: Robert Philippoe, 1715 in IGI (Sparham, Norfolk); Thomas Philippo, 1733 in IGI (Norwich, Norfolk); Thomas Philippo, 1769 in IGI (Cley next the Sea, Norfolk); John Philliphoe, 1778 in IGI (Hackney, Middx); John Matthias Buscall Phillipo, 1815 in IGI (Colkirk, Norfolk).

**Pia**
Current frequencies: GB: 129, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Italian (Piedmont)  
Relationship name: from the female personal name Pia.
2 language/culture: Catalan (Pià)  
Locative name: from Pià, in the Rosselló area, eastern Pyrenees, named with the Latin personal name Appius + suffix -anum.

**Piazza**
GB frequency, 1881: 6
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: 
language/culture: Italian  
Locative name: from Italian piazza 'town square', or from a town named with this word, in particular Piazza Armerinain Enna province, Sicily.
**Pieri**
GB frequency, 1881: 18
main GB location, 1881: London and Surrey
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
**Relationship name:** from the Tuscan personal name *Piero*, a variant of *Pietro* (see *Peter*).

**Pieroni**
Current frequencies: GB: 114, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
**Relationship name:** from a derivative of the personal name *Piero*, Italian equivalent of *Peter*.

**Pietro**
GB frequency, 1881: 19
main GB location, 1881: London
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
see *Petrucci*.

**Pini**
Current frequencies: GB: 181, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
**Relationship name:** patronymic from *Pino*, itself from a short form of the personal name *Giuseppino* (from *Giuseppe*), *Filippino* (from *Filippo*), or some other diminutive formed with this suffix.

*Early Bearers:*

**Pinto**
GB frequency, 1881: 54
main GB location, 1881: London
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Spanish, Italian
(i) **Nickname:** from Spanish *pinto* 'coloured, painted'.
(ii) **Nickname:** from Italian *pinto* 'mottled, spotted' (late Latin *pinctus*), presumably referring to an aspect of someone's appearance.

*Early Bearers:* Juana *Pinto*, 1700 in *IGI* (Kirk Merrington, Durham); Nazario *Pinto*, 1761 in *IGI* (Wilton, Somerset); Charles *Pinto*, 1763 in *IGI* (Soho, Middx); James *Pinto*, 1810 in *IGI* (Saint Clement Danes, Middx).
Pisani
GB frequency, 1881: 5
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
a patronymic or plural form of Pisano.

Pisano
Current frequencies: GB: 135, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Pisani.
language/culture: Italian
Locative name: denoting someone from the city of Pisa in Tuscany.

Pleasance
Current frequencies: GB: 443, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 389
main GB location, 1881: Suffolk and Cambs; also Middx; WR Yorks
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Pleasence, Pleasants, Pleasant.
language/culture: Italian, English
Locative name: from Piacenza in Italy, earlier Placentia. Examples without 'de' may belong under 2.
Early Bearers: Reginald de Pleisauns, de Plesence, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Lincs); Andrew de Plesancia, 1297 in Patent Rolls; John de Plesaunce, 1319 in Subsidy Rolls (London);
John de Plesencia of Lumbardy, 1339 in London Pleas; Thomas Plesaunce, 1441 in Patent Rolls (Berks); George Plesannc or Pleaseannc, 1540 in PROB 11 (City of London);
John Pleasannce, 1559 in PROB 11 (Tuddenham, Suffolk); Clement Pleasance, 1619 in PROB 11 (Herringswell, Suffolk).
language/culture: Norman, English
Relationship name: from the female personal names Plaisance (Old French plaisance 'pleasure') or Plaisant (Old French plaisant 'pleasing').
Early Bearers: (i) given names: Plesantia West, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); Pleasant Tarlton, 1681 in Bardsley.
(ii) surnames: Alicia filia Plesance, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); Richard Pleysant, 1281 in Patent Rolls; John Pleasants, 1594 in lGI (Attleborough, Norfolk); Bartholomew Plesants, 1628 in lGI (Greenwich, Kent).

Podesta
GB frequency, 1881: 73
main GB location, 1881: scattered in England: esp. Lancs
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Occupational name: from podestà 'mayor, administrator, magistrate'.
Early Bearers: Francis Podesta, in Census 1841 (Holburn, Middx); John Podesta, 1842 in IGI (Liverpool, Lancs).

Poli
GB frequency, 1881: 3
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
1 language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: patronymic or plural form Polo, from the personal name Polo, a variant of Paol, Italian equivalent of Paul.
2 language/culture: French
Nickname: from Old French poli 'agreeable, polite' (literally 'polished'), past participle of polir 'to polish'.
3 language/culture: Hungarian
Locative name: from Pólyi, denoting someone from Póly (Abaúj county).

Pooley
GB frequency, 1881: 2377
main GB location, 1881: London; E Anglia; SW England
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
Variants: Polley, Poley, Polly.
1 language/culture: English
Locative name: from Middle English pol(e) 'pool, pond' + hei(i) 'enclosure' (Old English pōl + (ge)hæg), or perhaps from pol(e) + ei 'island, habitable land among marshes' (Old English ēg). The name may be topographic, for someone who lived near an enclosure by a pool or low-lying land, or toponymic, for someone from a place so named, such as Pooley (now Hunt's Hall) in Pebmarsh (Essex) or Polly Shaw in Eynsford (Kent). Some examples may belong under 2 or 3.

Early Bearers: Walter de Polhey, 1248 in Feet of Fines (Essex); William de Poleye, 1273 in Hundred Rolls (Bucks); Elias de Polye, de Polee, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Norfolk); William de Polleye, 1275 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Robert de Poley, 1328 in Patent Rolls; William de Poley, 1345 in Patent Rolls (Pebmarsh, Essex); William Polleye, 1346 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); John Poley, 1379 in Assize Rolls (Essex); Johannes Poley, 1381 in Poll Tax (Saddington, Leics); Thomas Poley, 1416 in Feet of Fines (Baldock, Herts); Robert Poley, 1439 in Patent Rolls (Ipswich, Suffolk); John Polley, 1488 in Feet of Fines (Tonbridge, Kent); Richard Poley, 1508 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); John Poley, 1545 in Parish Registers (Offenham, Worcs); Richard Poley, 1547 in PROB 11 (Boxted, Suffolk); Thomas Polley, 1561 in IGI (Earls Colne, Essex); William Poley or Paley, 1588 in PROB 11 (Boxted, Suffolk); Thomas Polley, 1722 in IGI (Toot Baldon, Oxon); Wm Poley, 1766 in Parish Registers (Cadotoxon, Glamorgan).

References: Place-Names of Essex, p. 450; Kent Place-Names, p. 40.
2 language/culture: Norman, English
Locative name: from Poilley (Manche).

Early Bearers: Willemi de Poillgi, 1086 in Domesday Book (Devon); William de Polleio, 1093 in Documents in France; Margeria Pooley, 1562 in IGI (Arley, Warwicks); Gyles Pooley, 1568 in IGI (Euston, Suffolk); Alice Pooley, 1570 in IGI (Dover, Kent); Richard Pooley, 1584 in IGI (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London); Johane Pooley, 1587 in IGI (Lewes,
Sussex).
3 language/culture: Italian, English
see Pulley.

Portelli
Current frequencies: GB: 266, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Locative name: from portello, a diminutive of porta 'gate', for someone who lived by the
gates of a fortified town.
Other info: This is also found as a family name in Greece.

Pouch
GB frequency, 1881: 17
main GB location, 1881: Worcs
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
1 language/culture: English
Nickname: from Middle English pouche 'bag, pouch, purse', probably used for one who
made or sold such items. Compare Poucher.
Early Bearers: John Pouch the elder, 1305 in Patent Rolls; Simon, Thomas Poche, 1327 in
Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Simon Poche, 1358 in Patent Rolls (Worcester, Worcs); Walterus
Pouch', 1379 in Poll Tax (Warwicks); John Pauche, 1489 in Feet of Fines (Norfolk);
William Pouch, 1646 in IGI (Pocklington, ER Yorks); James Pouch, 1776 in IGI (Deerhurst,
Gloucs).
2 language/culture: Italian, English
Nickname: sometimes used to denote a member of the Society of Pulci or Pouche of
Florence, who were regular traders with medieval London.
Early Bearers: Bernard de la Pouche, 1319 in Subsidy Rolls (London); Bernard de Pouches
of Florence, 1330 in Close Rolls; [...] Pouche of Lumbardia, 1343 in Close Rolls; Arnold
de Puche, merchant, 1345 in Patent Rolls; Edward Pouch, 1699 in IGI (Tewkesbury,
Gloucs); Elizth. Pouch, 1717 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); Robert Pouch, 1737 in IGI (New
Malton, NR Yorks); Robt. Pouch, 1742 in IGI (Kings Lynn, Norfolk).

Pozzi
Current frequencies: GB: 123, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 71
main GB location, 1881: Lancs; Caernarvons; Morays; London
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Locative name: from pozzo 'well'. The name may be toponymic, for someone from any of
various places in Italy named Pozzi or Pozzo, such as Pozzi (Calabria), or topographic, for
someone who lived near a well.
Early Bearers: Constantine Pozzi, 1723 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); Charles Pozzi, 1822 in
IGI (Chester, Cheshire); Charles Pozzi, 1839 in Parish Registers (Welshpool,
Montgomerys).
Proto
Current frequencies: GB: 103, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Italian
from Greek πρῶτος 'first', hence a name bestowed on the first-born (male) child, or in some cases a short form of an occupational or status name formed with this element, for example Protomotaro, literally 'first notary'.
2 language/culture: French
altered spelling of French Proteau or Protot, from a diminutive of the Latin personal name Protasius.

Psaila
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Maltese
(i) Relationship name: from the Italian family name Basilia, from the personal name Basilio, Italian equivalent of Basil.
(ii) Locative name: from Busala in Sicily.
(iii) Nickname: from Arabic ḫusaila, a diminutive of ḥaṣl 'onion', used either with reference to a person's occupation or some physical characteristic.
Early Bearers:
References:
Cassar

Pulley
Current frequencies: GB: 484, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 466
main GB location, 1881: Surrey and Middx; Worcs, Northants, and Warwicks
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Poile, Poyle, Pooley.
1 language/culture: Italian, English
Ethnic name: from Middle English Poille, Poyle, Apuelle, which are representations of Apulia (Italy) and denote someone from there; Pulleis denotes 'man of Apulia'.
Early Bearers: William le Pulleis, 1191, de Puilleio, 1192 in Pipe Rolls (Norfolk); Walter de la Poille, 1221 in Curia Regis Rolls (Herefs); John de Apuelle, 1275 in Hundred Rolls (Cambs); Walter de la Poyle, 1279 in Hundred Rolls (Oxon); John de la Poille, 1315 in Patent Rolls (Surrey); Robert de la Poylle, 1355 in Feet of Fines (Norton in Freshwater, Hants); Thomas Poyle, 1450 in Feet of Fines (Seaton, Devon); Robert Poyle, 1502 in PROB 11 (Tregony, Cornwall); Thomas Pullye, 1548 in IGI (Sandwich, Kent); William Poyle, 1574 in IGI (Brenchley, Kent); Moises Poile, 1599 in IGI (Marden, Kent); George Pulie, 1619 in IGI (Canterbury, Kent); Thomas Poille, 1781 in IGI (Tenterden, Kent).
Other info: Compare Poyle House in Seale (Surrey), named from the family of de la Poille, Poyle, Pully, which held the manor from 1299, and Poyle in Stanwell (Middx), named from de l'Apulie.
2 language/culture: English  
Locative name: from Pulley (Shrops).  
*Early Bearers:* Warin de Pulileg’, 1221 in Assize Rolls (Shrops); William de Poleleye, 1378 in Patent Rolls (Shrops); Ricardus de Polylyye, 1381 in Poll Tax (Shrops); Galfridus de Pullay, 1381 in Poll Tax (Sutton, Shrops); Joyse Pulley, 1545 in Subsidy Rolls (Wilts); John Pulley, 1583 in PROB 11 (Bridgnorth, Shrops); Walter Pulley, 1642 in Protestation Returns (Devon).

**Rabaiotti**  
*Current frequencies:* GB: 136, Ireland: 0.  
*GB frequency, 1881:* 0  
*main GB location, 1881:* -  
*main Irish location, 1847-64:* -  
*language/culture:* Italian  
*unexplained.*

**Radice**  
*Current frequencies:* GB: 81, Ireland: 0.  
*GB frequency, 1881:*  
*main GB location, 1881:* -  
*main Irish location, 1847-64:* -  
*language/culture:* Italian  
*Nickname:* from *radice* `root`; denoting a grower or seller of root vegetables or a tenacious and stubborn man.  
*Early Bearers:* DAFN.

**Raffo**  
*GB frequency, 1881:* 15  
*main GB location, 1881:* -  
*main Irish location, 1847-64:* -  
*language/culture:* Italian  
(i) **Relationship name:** from the Continental Germanic personal name *Raffo.*  
(ii) **Locative name:** from Raffo in Petralia Soprana, Palermo (Sicily).

**Ricci**  
*Current frequencies:* GB: 381, Ireland: 10.  
*GB frequency, 1881:* 9  
*main GB location, 1881:* Middx  
*main Irish location, 1847-64:* -  
*language/culture:* Italian  
**Relationship name:** patronymic or plural form of *Riccio.*  
*Early Bearers:* Luigi Ricci, musician, born in Italy, in Census 1861 (Holborn, Middx); Giusto Ricci, plaster image maker, born in Italy, in Census 1861 (Warwick, Warwicks); Felice Ricci, general dealer, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Holborn, Middx); Placido Ricci, plaster figure maker, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Holborn, Middx); Valentine Ricci, mosaic worker, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Lambeth, Surrey); Amateo Ricci, barrel
organist, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Bristol, Gloucs); Lazzaro Ricci, ice cream vendor, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Bridgend, Glamorgan).

**Riccio**
Current frequencies: GB: 214, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Ricci.
language/culture: Italian
Nickname: from riccio 'curly'.
*Early Bearers:* A. Riccio, ice cream vendor, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Holborn, Middx); Rosina Aida Riccio, 1905 in BMD (Westminster, Middx); Giovanni Riccio, wine merchant, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Saint Pancras, Middx); Angelo Riccio, confectioner, born in Turin, Italy, in Census 1911 (Shoreditch, Middx).

**Rinaldi**
Current frequencies: GB: 388, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 5
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from the personal name Rinaldo, of Germanic origin, composed of the elements ragin `advice, counsel' + wald `rule'.

**Riva**
Current frequencies: GB: 197, Ireland: 3.
GB frequency, 1881: 31
main GB location, 1881: Anglesey; Middx
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Italian
Locative name: from riva 'river bank' (Latin ripa), for someone who lived on the bank of a river.
*Early Bearers:* Maria Del Carmen Riva, 1813 in IGI (Milton Bryant, Beds).
2 language/culture: Spanish, Catalan
Locative name: from riba 'river', for someone who lived on the bank of a river, or for someone who came from a place so named, such as La Riba, a town in Tarragona, Catalonia (Spain).
*Early Bearers:* Manuel Riva (born in Chile) in Census 1881 (Kent, Beds); Manario Riva (born in Spain) in Census 1881 (Lancs, Beds).

**Rivelli**
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Locative name: denoting someone from Rivello (Potenza).
Other info: This name is rare in Britain but is thriving in the USA.
Rivera
GB frequency, 1881: 14
main GB location, 1881: Lancs
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
1 language/culture: Catalan, Spanish
Locative name: from ribera 'bank, shore' (Late Latin riparia), for someone who lived on a river bank, or for someone from any of the numerous places named Ribera.
2 language/culture: Italian
Locative name: from a northern variant of the southern (especially Sicily) topographic name Ribera, with the same meaning and explanation as (1).

Rizza
Current frequencies: GB: 114, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Nickname: Southern Italian, from the feminine form of rizzo 'curly'. See Rizzo.

Rizzo
GB frequency, 1881: 7
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
Variants: Rizza.
language/culture: Italian
Nickname: from rizzo, a southern dialect variant of Italian riccio 'curly-headed'. Compare Riccio.

Rocca
GB frequency, 1881: 39
main GB location, 1881: Lancs
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Locative name: from any of the numerous places throughout Italy named or named with rocca 'fortress, stronghold'.
Early Bearers: Mary Ann Della Rocca, 1804 in IGI (Manchester). John Rocca (born in Italy) in Census 1881 (Lancs); Andrea Rocca (born in Italy) in Census 1881 (Middx, Lancs).

Romano
GB frequency, 1881: 22
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian, Spanish
(i) Relationship name, locative name: from the personal name Romano (Latin Romanus), borne by several saints and martyrs. This was originally a byname for someone from Rome or
for a Roman citizen, from *Roma* 'Rome'. See also *Roman*.

(ii) **Locative name:** in Calabria a term for someone from *Nea Rhōmē* 'New Rome', the medieval Greek name for Constantinople.

*Early Bearers:* Manuel *Romano*, 1825 in *IGI* (Lewisham, Kent). Alphonso *Romano* (born in Italy) in *Census 1881* (Middx, Kent); Mondolin *Romano* (born in Corfu) in *Census 1881* (Lancs, Kent).

**Rome**

*Current frequencies:* GB: 590, Ireland: 1.

*GB frequency, 1881:* 552

*main GB location, 1881:* Lancs, Cumb, Dumfriess, and Ayrs

*main Irish location, 1847-64:*

*Variants:* Roome, Room, Rooms.

*language/culture:* English

**Locative name, nickname:** from Rome (Italy), either for someone from Rome or Italy in general, or for someone who had a connection with Rome, perhaps having been there on a pilgrimage. Compare *Roman, Romer.*

*Early Bearers:* (i) England: William *Rome*, 1296 in *Subsidy Rolls* (Sussex); Willelmus *de Rome*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Caldewgate, Cumb); Thomas *de Rome*, 1377 in *Poll Tax* (Hambleton, Rutland); Ricardo *de Rome*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (North Duffield, ER Yorks); Johanne *Rome*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Asfordby, Leics); Robertus *Rome*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Gooderstone, Norfolk); Magota *Rome*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Leigh Delamere, Wilts); Willelmus *de Rome*, 1379 in *Poll Tax* (Monk Fryston, WR Yorks); Willelmus *Rome*, 1381 in *Poll Tax* (King’s Cliffe, Northants); Jeffery *Roome*, 1556 in *IGI* (Paston, Norfolk); Anne *Rome*, 1559 in *IGI* (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk); Willi. *Roome*, 1563 in *IGI* (Giggleswick, WR Yorks); Elsabeth *Rome*, 1564 in *IGI* (Frampton Cotterell, Gloucs); Alexander *Rome*, 1573 in *IGI* (Stixwould, Lincs); Robert *Rome*, 1585 in *IGI* (Leeds, WR Yorks); Sarah *Rome*, 1604 in *IGI* (Cranbrook, Kent); Thome *Roome*, 1605 in *IGI* (Penn, Bucks); Wm. *Roome*, 1615 in *IGI* (Mickleover, Derbys); Maria *Roome*, 1631 in *IGI* (Saint Bees, Cumb); Arthur *Room*, 1664 in *IGI* (Eaton Bray, Beds); William *Room*, 1687 in *IGI* (Stillingfleet, ER Yorks); George *Rome*, 1720 in *IGI* (Carlisle, Cumb); William *Rome*, 1775 in *IGI* (Liverpool, Lancs).

(ii) Scotland: Mary *Rome*, 1775 in *IGI* (Annan, Dumfriess);

*Other info:* The Italian city was commonly pronounced and spelled *Room(e)* in English until the 19th century: see *Place-Names of WR Yorks* 6, p. 144.

**Romeo**

*Current frequencies:* GB: 272, Ireland: 1.

*GB frequency, 1881:* 8

*main GB location, 1881:* -

*main Irish location, 1847-64:*

*language/culture:* Italian

**Relationship name:** from the personal name *Romeo.*

**Ronchetti**

*Current frequencies:* GB: 182, Ireland: 0.

*GB frequency, 1881:* 35

*main GB location, 1881:* Middx; Devon; Durham

*main Irish location, 1847-64:*

*language/culture:* Italian
**Locative name:** from a diminutive form of Ronco, from ronco ‘cultivated land on a terraced slope; hillside vineyard’, denoting someone who lived on or by such land, or for someone from any of the numerous places named with this word.

*Early Bearers:* Thomas Ronchetti, 1819 in IGI (Exeter, Devon); Andrea Ronchetti (born in Italy) in Census 1881 (Middx, Devon).

**Rosa**
GB frequency, 1881: 70
main GB location, 1881: Middx; Midlothian
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian, Spanish, Catalan, Portuguese
(i) from rosa 'rose' (Latin rosa), applied in part as a topographic name for someone who lived where wild roses grew, in part as a habitational name for someone who lived at a house distinguished by the sign of a rose, and in part as a nickname for someone with a pink, rosy complexion.
(ii) in some cases also, from the female personal name Rosa.
*Early Bearers:* Guiseppo Rosa (born in Italy) in Census 1881 (Middx); Francisco Rosa (born in Brazil) in Census 1881 (Warwicks).

**Rosario**
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Rozario.
language/culture: Spanish, Portuguese
*Relationship name:* Spanish and Portuguese, mostly from a short form of Spanish (del) Rosario, Portuguese (do) Rosário, from rosario 'rosary'; or from the Marian name María del Rosario, given in particular to a girl who was born on the festival of Our Lady of the Rosary, celebrated on the first Sunday in October.
*Other info:* The word derives from Late Latin rosarium 'rose garden', and was transferred to a set of devotions dedicated to the Virgin Mary as the result of the medieval symbolism which constantly compared her to a rose.

2 language/culture: Italian
*Relationship name:* from the personal name Rosario, of the same origin as above.

**Rosato**
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
*Relationship name:* from the medieval personal name Rosato, ultimately derived from rosa 'rose'.

**Rossetti**
GB frequency, 1881: 9
Relationship name: patronymic or plural form of Rossetto, a nickname from rosetto, a diminutive of the adjective rosso 'red', denoting someone with red hair or a ruddy complexion.

Early Bearers:
Other info: Gabriele Rossetti (1783-1854), father of Dante Gabriel and Christina Rossetti, was an Italian writer and political activist, born in Vasto, Abruzzo, who took refuge first in Malta and subsequently in London, where in 1831 he became professor of Italian at King's College, London.

Rossi
GB frequency, 1881: 91
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
Variants: Rosso.
language/culture: Italian
Nickname: from rosso, denoting someone with red hair, a red beard, or a ruddy complexion. Compare Russo.

Rosso
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
see Rossi.

Ruggiero
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from the personal name Ruggiero, equivalent to English Roger.

Ruocco
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: Southern Italian variant of Rocco, from the Continental Germanic personal name Rocco, which was borne by a 14th-century saint from Montpellier remembered for his miraculous healings during an outbreak of the plague in northern Italy.
References: , De Felice
Russo
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name, nickname: Southern Italian, from the personal name Russo, which was originally a nickname for someone with red hair, a red beard, or a ruddy complexion.

Saba
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: French
anglicization of either Sabbat, a surname from Artois deriving from sab(b)at 'loud noise', applied as a nickname, or of Sabas, from the name of an early Cappadocian abbot-saint popular in early French Christianity.
Early Bearers: Fernand Saba, born in Belgium, in Census 1901 (Warwick, Warwicks); Germaine Saba, born in France, in Census 1911 (Tottenham, Middx).
References: Morlet, Dictionnaire.
2 language/culture: Muslim, Arabic
perhaps from a personal name based on Arabic sabāḥ 'morning'.
Early Bearers: John Saba, Arabian [sic], in Census 1851 (Haverfordwest, Pembrokes); George Saba, merchant, born in Beruit, Lebanon, in Census 1871 (Chorlton, Lancs)
3 language/culture: Italian
unexplained.

Sacco
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
(i) Relationship name: from an old Tuscan personal name, Saccus, a reduced form of the Old Testament name Isaccus (see Isaac).
(ii) Nickname: from sacco 'sack', probably denoting a maker of sacks or bags.
(iii) Locative name: toponymic from Sacco (Salerno province).

Sala
GB frequency, 1881: 15
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Italian, Catalan, Spanish, Portuguese, southern French (Occitan), Romanian
(i) Locative name, nickname: from sala 'hall', denoting someone who lived or worked at a hall or manor house.
(ii) Locative name: The Italian, Spanish, and Catalan names may also be toponymic in
origin: in the case of Italian, from (amongst others) Sala Biellese (Biella province), Sala Consilina (Salerno province), and Sala Monferrato (Alessandria), and in the case of Catalan from places called Sala or La Sala. This name is very common in Catalonia. Sala (Asturias and Aragón) and La Sala (Asturias) may also contribute.

Early Bearers: Augustus George Anthony Joseph Sala, 1786 in IGI (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx); Catina Sala, 1799 in IGI (Holborn, Middx); Francisca Jinesa Romualda Sala, 1800 in IGI (Grindon by Stockton on Tees, Durham).

Other info: The well-known journalist George Augustus Henry Sala (1828-1895) was of Italian extraction.

2 language/culture: Hungarian
from a short form of the Biblical name Salamon (see Solomon).

Salamone
Current frequencies: GB: 118, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from the biblical personal name Salomone (see Solomon).

Salerno
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Locative name: toponymic from Salerno in Campania (Italy).
Early Bearers:

Salvatore
GB frequency, 1881: 6
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from the personal name Salvatore, meaning 'Saviour'.

Salvi
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
1 language/culture: Italian
(i) Relationship name: patronymic from the personal name Salvo.
(ii) from a short form of the old Italian surname Diotisalvi 'God save you'.
Early Bearers: Giovanni Batista Salvi, 1841 in IGI (London); Frank Salvi, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Essex); Peter Salvi, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Middx); Francesco Salvi, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (London); Giuseppe Salvi, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Hants).
**Santi**
Current frequencies: GB: 155, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Indian
**Relationship name:** from the personal name Santi, the plural form of Santo, a short form of the devotional name Ognisanti, probably bestowed on a child born on All Saints' Day (1 November).

**Santo**
Current frequencies: GB: 143, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 36
main GB location, 1881: Cornwall
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese
**Relationship name, nickname:** from the male personal name Santo, from santo 'holy'. In some instances the surname may have arisen from a nickname for a pious individual.
*Early Bearers:* John Santo, 1615 in IGI (Ticehurst, Sussex); Katherine Santo, 1625 in IGI (Goudhurst, Kent); Philip Santo, 1773 in IGI (Sheviack, Cornwall); William Santo, 1828 in IGI (Saint Winnow, Cornwall); Orate Santo, 1843 in IGI (Wapping, Middx); Greoco Santo, ice cream vendor and piano player, in *Census 1901* (Italian subject, Italy).
**Other info:** The name appears first in E England. Early bearers there and in Cornwall may testify to continental immigration, and in Cornwall more probably be variants of Sandow (see Sandry). Completely convincing examples of early immigrant Santo are rare, and examples are also found of Del Santo (Catherine Del Santo, in *Census 1861* (London), born in Staffs), and Le Santo (Charles H Le Santo, in *Census 1901*, Painter in H M Dockyard, Devonport, Devonshire).

**Santoro**
GB frequency, 1881: 
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
**Relationship name:** Southern Italian, from the personal name Santoro, from Late Latin sanctorum (omnia dies festus) 'feast day of all the saints', originally bestowed on someone who was born on All Saints' Day (1 November). The Spanish connection in the 1901 record is unexplained, perhaps a clerk's error.
*Early Bearers:* Thomas Santoro, pupil, 1901 in *Census 1901* (London), Foreign Subject, Spain; Isabella Santoro, dressmaker, in *Census 1911* (South Shields, Durham).

**Sartori**
GB frequency, 1881: 9
main GB location, 1881: Middx
main Irish location, 1847-64: Italian

**Occupational name:** Northern Italian, from *sartore*, an old and regional (central Italian) form of *sartor* 'tailor'.

*Early Bearers:* Giovanni *Sartori* (born in Italy) in *Census 1881* (Berks); Luigi *Sartori* (born in Italy) in *Census 1881* (Middx).

### Sembri

Current frequencies: GB: 335, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881: -

main GB location, 1881: -

main Irish location, 1847-64: Maltese

from the Maltese word *xkembri*, denoting a kind of lemon, or perhaps from Italian *schembro* 'mackerel'.

**Other info:** A range of other suggestions is put forward by Cassar.

### Scicluna


GB frequency, 1881: -

main GB location, 1881: -

main Irish location, 1847-64: Maltese

(i) **Nickname:** from Old Sicilian *chachaluni* (Italian Scichilone), probably denoting someone with black hair.

(ii) **Locative name:** from either of two places in Sicily: Scicli (Ragusa) or Siculiana (Agrigento).

**References:** Cassar

### Scotto

Current frequencies: GB: 41, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881: 23

main GB location, 1881: Middx and Surrey; Staffs

main Irish location, 1847-64: 1

1 language/culture: English

see Scotto.

2 language/culture: Italian

(i) **Ethnic name:** from medieval Italian *scot(t)o* 'Scot', denoting someone from Scotland or Ireland.

(ii) **Relationship name:** from a reduced form of personal names such as Marescotto, a pet form of Maresco, or Francescotto, a pet form of Francesco.

*Early Bearers:* Domenico *Scotto* (born in Italy) in *Census 1881* (Gloucs).

### Serra


GB frequency, 1881: 8

main GB location, 1881: Middx
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

**Locative name:** Portuguese, and Catalan, from Italian, Portuguese, Catalan, *serra* 'ridge or chain of hills or mountains' (Latin *serra* 'saw'). The surname may be topographic, for someone who lived in or by a ridge, or toponymic, for someone from any of various places so named, such as Serra d'Aniello, Serra Pedace, Serra San Bruno, and Serracapriola (Italy), and Serra d’Almos and Serra d’en Galceran (Spain).

*Early Bearers:* Claudius *Serra* (born in Brazil) in Census 1881 (Lancs); Jose *Serra* (born in Spain) in Census 1881 (Middx).

**Sidoli**

Current frequencies: GB: 212, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
explained.

*Early Bearers:* Guilio *Sidoli*, born in Caybello, Italy, in Census 1871 (Holborn, London); Peteri *Sidoli*, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (London).

**Silvestri**

GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: Middx
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

*Relationship name:* patronymic or plural form of *Silvestro*, which is from the personal name *Silvestro* (Latin *Silvester*, a derivative of *silva* 'wood').

**Simeone**

Current frequencies: GB: 166, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 5
main GB location, 1881: Middx
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

*Relationship name:* Southern Italian, from the personal name *Sim(e)one*, the Italian equivalent of *Simon*.

*Early Bearers:* Nicole *Simeone* (born in Italy) in Census 1881 (Middx).

**Simone**

GB frequency, 1881: 7
main GB location, 1881: Middx
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian, Jewish (Sephardic)

*Relationship name:* from the personal name *Simone*, the Italian equivalent of *Simon* (see *Simon*).

*Early Bearers:* (i) Francesco *Simone*, in Census 1861 (Glamorgan); Alessandro *Simone*, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Holborn, Middx); Emiglia *Simone*, born in Italy, in Census
1901 (WR Yorks); Luigi Simone, ice cream vendor, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Plymouth, Devon); Filomena Simone, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Holborn, Middx).
(ii) Simon Simone, silk agent., born in Holland, in Census 1861 (Aldgate, London); Jacob Simone, in Census 1881 (Saint Pancras, Middx); Harris Simone, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (Yorks); Malke Simone, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (Yorks); Jessy Simone, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (London); Morris Simone, born in Poland, in Census 1891 (Yorks).

Soave
GB frequency, 1881: 
main GB location, 1881: - 
main Irish location, 1847-64: 
language/culture: Italian
Ethnic name, locative name: from Soave 'Swabia' or possibly from one of the towns in N Italy of this name, notably one near Verona.
Early Bearers: John Soave, in Census 1841 (Westminster, Middx); Charles Soave, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Marylebone, Middx); Bernardo Soave, Maria Soave, in Census 1891 (Kirkcaldy, Fife); Rocco and Antonio Soave, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Manchester, Lancs); Alfonso Soave, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Forfar, Angus); Antonio Soave, ice cream maker, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Burnley, Lancs); Francesco Soave, floor worker, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Cardiff, Glamorgan).

Solari
GB frequency, 1881: 37
main GB location, 1881: Staffs
main Irish location, 1847-64: 
language/culture: Italian (northern)
Locative name: from any of various places called Solaro or Solara, from solaro 'site, plot, meadow', literally 'land exposed to the sun'.
Early Bearers: John Solari (born in Italy) in Census 1881 (Warwicks); Giovani Solari (born in Italy) in Census 1881 (Middx).

Sorrentino
Current frequencies: GB: 164, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: - 
main Irish location, 1847-64: 
language/culture: Italian
Locative name: Southern Italian, for someone from Sorrento, from an adjectival derivative of the place name.

Spiteri
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: - 
main Irish location, 1847-64: 
language/culture: Maltese, S Italian
from medieval Greek Spiteris, occupational name from a derivative of medieval Latin hospitarius, denoting someone who ran a lodging house.

**Sultana**


GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: 1

**Language/culture:** Maltese, Italian

**Nickname:** for someone who behaved in an autocratic manner, from Arabic sultāna `queen, wife of a sultan'.

**References:**
Ahmed

**Tabone**


GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:

**Language/culture:** Maltese and Italian (Sicily)

(i) **Nickname:** from Sicilian and Maltese tābbuni `silly, foolish'.

(ii) **Nickname:** alternatively, it may from Arabic tābūna, denoting a kind of hollowed-out hearth in which a fire was kept alight.

**Early Bearers:** Antonio Tabone, born in Malta, in IGI (Royal Navy).

**Tambini**


GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:

**Language/culture:** Italian

perhaps a reduced form of Tamburrini.

**Tamburrini**


GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:

**Variants:** Tambini.

**Language/culture:** Italian

**Occupational name, nickname:** for a drummer or a drum maker, from Italian tamburino `drum, drummer'.

**References:**
De Felice
Tanti
Current frequencies: GB: 152, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Maltese
Relationship name: from a short form of a compound Italian personal name such as the old Tuscan name Tantobene, or possibly from the Germanic personal name Tanto.
References:
Cassar

2 language/culture: Greek (Cypriot)
Relationship name: from Tantis, a medieval Greek personal name of uncertain origin.

Taroni
Current frequencies: GB: 155, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 28
main GB location, 1881: Northumb and Durham
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
unexplained.
Early Bearers: John Taronie, 1825 in IGI (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Francis Taroni, 1830, Mary Ann Taronie, 1853 in IGI (Birmingham, Warwicks); Gaetano Taroni (born in Italy) in Census 1881 (North Shields, Northumb).

Tartaglia
GB frequency, 1881: 3
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Nickname: denoting a stammerer, from Italian tartagliare `to stutter'. This is the name of a stock character in the Commedia del'Arte.
Early Bearers: Antonio, Arcangelo, and Pietro Tartaglia, all born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Lowestoft, Suffolk); Loranzo Tartaglia, born in Italy, Census 1891 (Norfolk); Cesidio Tartaglia, born in Italy, Census 1891 (Suffolk).

Tedesco
Current frequencies: GB: 110, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian, Jewish (Ashkenazic), Italian
Ethnic name: from Italian tedesco `German'. As a Jewish name, it was given to or taken by Ashkenazic Jews in Italy. Compare Deutsch.
Early Bearers: Mordecai Tedesco, 1798 in Bevis Marks Records (London); Flora Todesco, 1804 in Bevis Marks Records (London); Louis Tedesco, born in Austria, in Census 1861 (New Forest, Hampshire); Louis A.L. Tedesco, clerk, born in Vienna, Austria, in Census 1881 (Reigate, Surrey); Antonio, Achillo, Bernadetta Tedesco, born in Italy, in Census
1901 (Darlington, Durham); Angelo Tedesco, 1906 in BMD (Camberwell, Surrey); Lorenzo Tedesco, fruit seller, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Bristol, Gloucs).

**Testa**

GB frequency, 1881: 9
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: 1
language/culture: Italian
from testa 'head' (Late Latin testa, originally used to denote an earthenware pot); hence a nickname for someone who was exceptionally learned or intelligent or for someone had a large or otherwise remarkable head.
*Early Bearers*: DAFN

2 language/culture: Galician, Portuguese
Galician and Portuguese, possibly a nickname from Galician and Portuguese testa 'forehead, brow'.
*Early Bearers*: DAFN

**Tiso**

Current frequencies: GB: 130, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 23
main GB location, 1881: Staffs
main Irish location, 1847-64: 1
language/culture: English
see Tysoe.
2 language/culture: Italian
said to be from a personal name of Germanic origin, but in some cases at least more likely to be a locative name from Tiso in Bolzano province.

**Togneri**

GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: 1
language/culture: Italian
unexplained.

**Toma**

GB frequency, 1881: 4
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: 1
language/culture: Arabic, Muslim
from Tūma, Arabic form of Thomas.
2 language/culture: Italian, Spanish, French (Huguenot)
from the New Testament personal name Thomas.
*Early Bearers*: Messio Toma, 1596 in IGI (Walloon church, Norwich); Mary Toma, 1700 in
IGI (North Hill, Cornwall); Petrona Toma, 1815 in IGI (Milton Bryant, Beds); Manuela Toma, 1820 in IGI (Milton Bryant, Beds).

**Tomaso**
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: Lancs
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
see [Tomaso](#).

**Tomasso**
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: Jersey
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Tommaso, Tomaso.
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from the personal name Tommaso, equivalent to Thomas.

**Tommaso**
Current frequencies: GB: 15, Ireland: .
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: Lancs
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
see [Tomasso](#).

**Torre**
GB frequency, 1881: 25
main GB location, 1881: London; also Devon
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: English
see [Torre](#).
2 language/culture: Italian, Galician, Catalan, Aragonese, Spanish, and Portuguese
(i) Locative name: from Italian *torre* ‘tower’ (Latin *turris*), either for someone who lived in or near a tower, or for someone from a place so named, such as Torre Annunziata or Torre del Greco in Naples province, Torre de’ Passeri (Pescara, Abruzzo), or Torre di Ruggiero (Catanzaro, Calabria).
(ii) Locative name: Galician, Catalan, Aragonese, Spanish, and Portuguese, from *torre* ‘tower’ (Latin *turris*), either for someone who lived in or near a tower, or for someone from any of the numerous places so named in Galicia (often in the form De la Torre), in Catalonia and Aragon (as for example La Torre de Fontalbella, La Torre del Compte, La Torre de Fluvia), or from any of the many places in Spain and Portugal named Torre or La Torre. Early Bearers: Bennerdine Torre, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Chester, Cheshire); Manuel Gdela Torre, born in Spain, in Census 1881 (Tottenham, Middx).

**Torres**
GB frequency, 1881: 5
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
1 language/culture: Galician, Catalan, Spanish, Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic)
(i) from any of the numerous places named Torres, all named with the plural of torre `tower' (see Torre).
(ii) David Torres, shipping merchant, born in Salonica, in Census 1881 (Manchester, Lancs); Eugenio Torres, born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in Census 1891 (Saint Peter Port, Guernsey); Solomon Torres, born in Salonica, Turkey, in Census 1891 (Salford, Lancs); Antonio Torres, outfitter's assistant, born in Cardiff, in Census 1901 (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Joseph Torres, calico printer, born in Salonica, in Census 1901 (Manchester, Lancs); Manuel Torres, foreign correspondent, born in Corunna, Spain, in Census 1901 (Dudley, Staffs); Elia David Torres, calico printer, born in Turkey, in Census 1911 (Salford, Lancs); Fernando Torres, born in Bogota, Colombia, in Census 1911 (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Carlos Torres, importer, born in Spain, in Census 1911 (Saint Pancras, Middx).
2 language/culture: Italian
from Torres in Belluno or Porto Torres in Sassari. In southern Italy the surname is sometimes a borrowing from Spanish (see i).

Tortolano
Current frequencies: GB: 121, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian unexplained.

Ugo
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
from the personal name Ugo, Italian equivalent of Hugh.
Early Bearers: Domenico Ugo, Giovanni Ugo, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Saint Giles Cripplegate, London).

Uniacke
Current frequencies: GB: 114, Ireland: 42.
GB frequency, 1881: 36
main GB location, 1881: Staffs; Devon; Hants
main Irish location, 1847-64: Cork
Variants: Uniack.
language/culture: Norman, English, Irish
Locative name: probably from Saint-Uniac in Ille-et-Vilaine département, Brittany, France (Sant-Tewiniav in Breton).
Early Bearers: (i) Ireland: Bernardus Unak, 13th cent., Thomas Unak, 1386 in More Irish Families (Youghal, Cork); Maurice Uniacke, 1649 in IGI (Ballyvergyn); John Manwaring
Uniack, 1762 in IGI (Cork).
(ii) England: Bartholomew Uniacke, 1770 in IGI (Dover, Kent); Mary Magdalene Uniack, 1774, Mary Uneck, 1780 in IGI (Canterbury, Kent).

Other info: in Ireland, where this name has been established since the 13th century, families bearing it are called Doinngeard in Irish. MacLysaght in MIF quotes Richard Foley: "Father Woulfe says it is taken from their place of residence -- not their Irish place, however, as this is Baile Úi Mhirgin.... The reference may apply to some place of theirs in England." The unidentified place of residence could equally well be in France or Wales.

Vaccaro
GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian
Occupational name: from vaccaro ’cowherd' (Late Latin vaccarius, a derivative of vacca ‘cow').
Early Bearers: Dominico Vaccaro, organ grinder, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Bedford, Beds).

Valente
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
language/culture: Italian; also Portuguese
(i) Nickname: from the vocabulary word valente ‘brave, valiant'.
(ii) Relationship name: from the Italian personal name Valente (of the same origin and meaning as 1), which was especially popular in medieval Italy, having been borne by a 6th-century bishop of Verona.
Early Bearers: Antonio Valente, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Dudley, Worcs); Damiano Valente, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Glamorgan, Wales); Filomena Valente, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Warwicks); Mingo Valente, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Angelo Valente, lodging house keeper, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Wrexham, Denbighs).

Valenti
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64: -
1 language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from the personal name Valente (see Valente).
Early Bearers: Vittore Valenti, born in "foreign parts", in Census 1841 (Shoreditch, Middx); Pietro Valenti, organ grinder, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Manchester, Lancs); Guiseppe Valenti, street musician, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Edinburgh, Midlothian); Joseph Valenti, ice cream vendor, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Sunderland, Northumb); Lorenzo Valenti, artist of singing, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Paddington, Middx); Rasato Valenti, itinerant musician, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Wolverhampton, Staffs).
2 language/culture: Catalan
Relationship name: from the Catalan personal name Valentí.

Valentino
Current frequencies: GB: 154, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian, Spanish
Relationship name: from the personal name Valentino, a pet form of Valente.
Early Bearers: Mary Valentino, 1706 in Parish Registers (Eastham, Cheshire); Joseph Valentino, cotton weaver, in Census 1861 (Blackburn, Lancs); George Valentino, collier, in Census 1871 (Wolstanton, Staffs); Bernardo Valentino, ice cream vendor, born in England, in Census 1901 (Birmingham, Warwicks); Columba Valentino, domestic servant, born in England, in Census 1901 (Peterborough, Northants); Rigozzi Valentino, waiter, born in Switzerland, in Census 1901 (Saint Pancras, Middx); Antoinette Valentino, nurse, born in Valletta, Malta, in Census 1911 (Chertsey, Surrey); Guiseppe Valentino, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Wandsworth, Surrey).

Valerio
GB frequency, 1881: -
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian, Spanish
Relationship name: from the personal name Valerio (Latin Valerius, a Roman family name ultimately derived from Latin valere `to flourish, to be strong and healthy').
Early Bearers: Charlotte Valerio, born in Norfolk, in Census 1851 (Shoreditch, Middx); George Valerio, 1885 in Parish Registers (Derby, Derbys); Mariette Valerio, born in Liverpool, in Census 1891 (Liverpool, Lancs); Salvatore Valerio, ice cream dealer, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); Giulio Valerio, confectioner, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Glasgow, Lanarks); Carmine Valerio, organ player, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Wrexham, Denbighs); Gaetano Valerio, ice cream hawker, born in Naples, Italy, in Census 1901 (Portsmouth, Hants); Erminto Valerio, confectioner, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Glasgow, Lanarks); Celestino Valerio, fried fish vendor, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Liverpool, Lancs); Gallo Valerio, waiter, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Westminster, Middx).
Other info: The name was borne by several minor Christian saints, among them 4th-century bishops of Trier and Zaragoza and 5th-century bishops of Sorrento and Antibes in southern France.

Valle
GB frequency, 1881: 39
main GB location, 1881: London; Lancs
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Italian, Spanish
Locative name: from any of the many places named with valle `valley', or topographic for someone who lived in a valley (Latin vallis).
Early Bearers: Jos Marquis de la Valle, 1816 in Parish Registers (Saint James Piccadilly, Westminster, Middx); Luigi Valle, valet, born in Switzerland, in Census 1851 (Westminster, Middx); Manuel del Valle, West India merchant, born in Mexico, in Census 1871 (Kensington, Middx); Francesco Valle, waiter, born in France, in Census 1891 (Hammersmith, Middx); Frank Valle, chandler, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Cardiff, Glamorgan); Antonio Valle, kitchen man, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Westminster, Middx).

2 language/culture: English
see Vale.

Valli
Current frequencies: GB: 439, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Italian, Spanish
Locative name: from Spanish valle ‘valley’ or from the Italian equivalent or its plural valli, or from a place named with this word in either language; see also Valle.
Early Bearers: Domenico Valli, born in Italy, in Census 1861 (Clerkenwell, Middx); Noah Valli, born in Bergamo, Italy, in Census 1871 (Clerkenwell, London); Elias Valli, RC priest, born in Italy Census 1871 (Finsbury, Middx); Vermondo Valli, waiter, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Islington, Middx); Andrea Valli, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Birmingham, Warwicks); Ariodante Valli, hatter, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Southwark, Middx); Guido Valli, improver, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Brentford, Middx).
2 language/culture: Muslim, Turkish, Iranian
see Vali, Wali.
3 language/culture: Hungarian
Locative name: from the surname Válli, denoting someone from Vál (Fehér county) or Vály (Gömör county), now in Slovakia.

Vassallo
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Status name: from vassallo ‘vassal’. Compare Vassall.
Early Bearers: Lorenzo Vassallo, 1829 in Parish Registers (Saint John, Smith Square, Westminster, Middx); Peter Thomas Vassallo, 1837 in Parish Registers (Saint Andrew, Holborn, Middx); Louis Vassallo, 1860 in Parish Registers (Saint Botolph, Northfleet, Kent); Michael Vassallo, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy); Emanuel Vassallo, interpreter, born in Malta, in Census 1901 (South Leith, Midlothian); Lewis Vassallo, musician, born in Malta, in Census 1901 (Royal Navy); Alberto Vassallo, wardroom cook, born in Malta, in Census 1911 (Devonport, Devon).

Vella
Current frequencies: GB: 1094, Ireland: 35.
GB frequency, 1881: 11
main GB location, 1881: scattered
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Maltese, Italian
possibly a form of the Italian surname Bella, a feminine form of Bello. Cassar points out that in Malta Bellucci also appears as Vellucci.

Early Bearers: Antonio Vella, born in Malta, in Census 1861 (Royal Navy); Philip Vella, born in Malta, in Census 1871 (Wandsworth, Surrey); Cornelia Vella, 1883 in Parish Registers (Saint Paul, Newport, Monmouths); Eugene Vella, born in Malta, in Census 1891 (Fulham, Middx); Frank Vella, born in Malta, in Census 1891 (Newport, Monmouths); Tommaso Vella, ice-cream maker born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Holborn, Middx); Antonio Vella, mosaic worker, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Headington, Oxon).

Venni
Current frequencies: GB: 107, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 14
main GB location, 1881: Norfolk and Cambs
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
probably of Italian origin, from Brescia province in Lombardy.

Early Bearers: Judeth Venni, 1683 in IGI (Norwich, Norfolk); Robert Venni, 1705 in Parish Registers (Stoke Damerel, Devon); Abraham Venney, 1749 in IGI (Wisbech, Cambs); Peter Venny, 1780 in IGI (Hilgay, Norfolk); Jacob Venny, 1820 in IGI (Denver, Norfolk); Abraham Venni, 1858 in Parish Registers (Downham, Norfolk); John Venni, agricultural labourer, in Census 1881 (Ely, Cambs); Jacob Venni, farmer, in Census 1911 (Downham West, Norfolk).

Ventre
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Venter.
language/culture: French, Italian

Nickname: for a man with a large paunch, from Old French, Italian ventre 'belly' (Latin venter).

Early Bearers: Maurice Ventre, priest, born in France, in Census 1861 (Peckham, Surrey).

2 language/culture: Italian

Relationship name: probably from a pet form of the personal names Bonventre or Brazzaventre. Some examples may belong under (1).

Early Bearers: Lorenzo Ventre, organ grinder, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Liverpool, Lancs); Giovanni Ventre, itinerant musician, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Plymouth, Devon); Anselmo Ventre, street musician, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Liverpool, Lancs); Benedetto Ventre, organ grinder, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Torquay, Devon).

3 language/culture: English

variant of Vente.

Ventura
GB frequency, 1881: 37
main GB location, 1881: Middx
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian, Spanish, Catalan, Portuguese, Jewish (Sephardic)

**Relationship name, nickname:** from a short form of *Bonaventura* or *Buenaventura*, meaning `good fortune`. The Italian name may alternatively derive from *ventura* `fortune, luck`, applied as a nickname.

*Early Bearers:* Juliana Ventura, 1809 in IGI (Gosport, Hants); Angelo Benedetto Ventura, 1836 in Parish Registers (Saint Mary le Strand, Westminster, Middx); Alegro Ventura, corn cutter, born in "foreign parts", in Census 1841 (Ipswich, Suffolk); Abraham Ventura, cigar maker, born in Holland, in Census 1871 (Whitechapel, Middx); Miguel Ventura, merchant, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Westminster, Middx); Samuel Ventura, cigar maker, born in Holland, in Census 1881 (Whitechapel, Middx); Armando Ventura, merchant, born in Saint Domingo, West Indies, in Census 1891 (Kensington, Middx); Joseph Ventura, plasterer's labourer, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Huddersfield, WR Yorks); John Ventura, boot maker, born in Spain, in Census 1901 (Saint Pancras, Middx); Angelo Ventura, waiter, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Westminster, Middx); Sisto Ventura, furniture repairer, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Ipswich, Suffolk); Abram Ventura, born in Canea, Crete, in Census 1911 (Manchester, Lancs).

*Other info:* The name *Bonaventura* was borne in honor of a saint (1221–74) who was given this nickname by Saint Francis of Assisi when he cured him miraculously as a child.

### Vera

Current frequencies: GB: 133, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 8
main GB location, 1881: Warwicks
main Irish location, 1847-64:

1 language/culture: Spanish

**Locative name:** from any of various places called Vera or La Vera, named with *vera* 'river bank'.

*Early Bearers:* Avillina Vera, nurse, born Chile, in Census 1871 (Marylebone, Middx); Angel Sanchez Vera, Spanish Vice Consul, born in Spain, in Census 1901 (Glasgow, Lanarks).

2 language/culture: Italian

of uncertain origin. The Italian adjective *vera* is the feminine of *vero* 'true, genuine'; the noun *vera*, on the other hand, denotes a well-head or parapet round a well, though neither may lie behind the family name, which is rare in Italy.

*Early Bearers:* Carmino Vera, organ grinder, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Halifax, WR Yorks); Joseph Vera, waiter, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Holborn, Middx); Loreto Vera, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Huddersfield, WR Yorks).

3 language/culture: English

possibly a variant of *Verey*.

### Verdi

Current frequencies: GB: 145, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 11
main GB location, 1881: Hants
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

**Relationship name:** patronymic from the medieval personal name *Verde*, literally 'green'.

Early Bearers: Carlos Verdi, traveller, born in "foreign parts", in Census 1841 (Birmingham, Warwicks), apparently identical with Carlo Verdi, professor of music and Italian, born in Sardinia, in Census 1861 (Kensington, Middx); Gregory Verdi, steward R.N., born in Greece, in Census 1871 (Portsea, Hants); Calo Verdi, compositor, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Middlesbrough, NR Yorks); Dennis Verdi, born in Corfu, Greece, in Census 1881 (Royal Navy); Spero Verdi, born in Malta, in Census 1881 (Portsea, Hants); Antonio Verdi, born in Glasgow, in Census 1901 (Glasgow, Lanarks); William Verdi, teacher of singing, born in United States, in Census 1911 (Hammersmith, Middx).

Vernazza

Current frequencies: GB: 108, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Locative name: from Vernazza (La Spezia).
Early Bearers: Thomas Vernazzi, born in Cheshire, in Census 1841 (Cheshire); Pietro Vernazzi, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Clerkenwell, London); Max Vernazzi, waiter and shopman, born in Switzerland, in Census 1881 (London).

Verrecchia

GB frequency, 1881:
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Verrechia.
language/culture: Italian
unexplained.
Early Bearers: Bernardo Verrechia, musician, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Birmingham, Warwicks); Carmino Verechia, street musician, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Bath, Somerset); Antonio Verrechia, musician, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Bradford, WR Yorks); Luigia Verecchia, organ grinder, born in Santo Elia, Italy, in Census 1891 (Newark, Notts); Saverio Verrechia, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Greenwich, Kent); Grevorno Verrecchia, boot maker, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Wolverhampton, Staffs); Nicolas Verrechia, ice cream vendor, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Hamilton, Lanarks); Bartolomeo Verrechia, ice cream vendor, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Glasgow, Lanarks); Pasquale Verrechia, ice cream maker, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Birmingham, Warwicks); Clorinda Verrechia, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (West Ham, Essex); Filippo Verrechia, musician, born in Cardito, Italy, in Census 1911 (Dewsbury, WR Yorks); Antonio Verechia, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Manchester, Lancs).

Verrechia

GB frequency, 1881: 5
main GB location, 1881: Warwicks
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
see Verrechia.
**Vettese**

Current frequencies: GB: 133, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881: 
- main GB location, 1881: 
- main Irish location, 1847-64: 

language/culture: Italian

unexplained.

*Early Bearers:* Petro Vettese, street musician, born in Italy, in **Census 1891** (Canterbury, Kent); Giuseppe Vettese, confectioner and ice cream vendor, born in Italy, in **Census 1901** (Coupar, Angus); Libero Vettese, organ player, born in Italy, in **Census 1901** (Reading, Berks); Michelangelo Vettese, ice cream vendor, born in Italy, in **Census 1901** (Walsall, Staffs); Pasquale Vettese, ice cream vendor, born in Italy, in **Census 1901** (Middlesbrough, NR Yorks); Antonio Vettese, street organ player, born in Italy, in **Census 1911** (Windsor, Berks).

**Other info:** In Italy the name is now most frequent in Lazio.

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**Villa**

Current frequencies: GB: 246, Ireland: 45.

GB frequency, 1881: 19
- main GB location, 1881: London
- main Irish location, 1847-64: 

language/culture: Spanish

from any of several places in Spain (mainly in Asturia), so named from *villa* `outlying farmstead'.

*Early Bearers:* Anna Villa, 1638 in **Parish Registers** (Saint Mary the Virgin, Sandwich, Kent); Anty. Villa, born in "foreign parts", in **Census 1841** (Birmingham, Warwicks); Jose Benito de Villa, butler, born in Madrid, in **Census 1861** (Marylebone, Middx); Manuel Villa, born in Huelva, Spain, in **Census 1911** (Plymouth, Devon).

*Locative name:* for someone who lived in a village as opposed to an isolated farmhouse, or in a town as opposed to the countryside, from Latin *villa* `country house, estate', or from any of various places named with this word.

*Early Bearers:* Giacomo Villa, 1832 in **Parish Registers** (Saint Andrew, Holborn, Middx); Francesco Villa, asphalter, born in Italy, in **Census 1881** (Holborn, Middx); Emilio Villa, merchant, born in Italy, in **Census 1881** (Westminster, Middx); Giuseppe Villa, professor of singing, born in Milan, Italy, in **Census 1891** (Saint Pancras, Middx); Santiago Villa, born in Italy, in **Census 1901** (Bethnal Green, Middx); Leopoldo Villa, wine steward, born in Lugano, Switzerland, in **Census 1911** (Westminster, Middx).

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**Viola**

Current frequencies: GB: 247, Ireland: 0.

GB frequency, 1881: 2
- main GB location, 1881: 
- main Irish location, 1847-64: 

language/culture: Italian

from the female personal name Viola, from *viola* `violet' (Latin *viola*).

*Early Bearers:* Pietro de Viola, foreign correspondent, born in Italy, in **Census 1881** (Everton, Lancs); Eugene Viola, felt hatter, born in Italy, in **Census 1891** (Stockport, Cheshire); Angelo Viola, confectioner, born in Italy, in **Census 1901** (Glasgow, Lanarks);
Alexandre Viola, ice cream vendor and musician, born in Saint Elia, Italy, in Census 1911 (Walsall, Staffs).

**Vitale**

GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian, Jewish

Relationship name: from the medieval Italian personal name Vitale (Latin Vitalis, a derivative of vita `life').

*Early Bearers:* Thomas Vitale, in Census 1871 (Pembrokes); Gavazzurni Vitale, born in Italy, in Census 1881 (Camberwell, Surrey); Egidio Vitali, merchant, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Bromley, Kent); Vitantonio Vitale, street organ grinder, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Chichester, Sussex); Angelo Vitale, industrial designer, born in Alexandria, Egypt, in Census 1901 (Manchester, Lancs); Oswaldo Vitale, waiter, born in Italy, in Census 1911 (Brighton, Sussex).

Other info: The personal name was popular among Christians as a symbol of their belief in eternal life, and was borne by a dozen early saints; it became especially popular in Emilia-Romagna because of two saints, San Vitale of Bologna and San Vitale of Ravenna. As a Jewish personal name it represents a calque of the Hebrew personal name Chayim `life' (compare Hyam).

**Vito**

GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

from the personal name Vito, Latin Vitus, related to vita `life'.

*Early Bearers:* Angelo Vito, musician, born in Italy, in Census 1891 Antonia Vito, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Nantwich, Cheshire); Casolino Vito, barber, born in Naples, in Census 1911 (Poplar, Middx).

Other info: The name was popular in the Middle Ages as the result of the cult of an early Christian martyr in southern Italy, about whom very little is known. He was regarded as a patron against epilepsy and the nervous tremor named after him, `Saint Vitus's dance'. It may also derive in part from the Lombardic name Wido or Frankish Wit(t)o.

**Vlach**

GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
Variants: Vlachos,
language/culture: Czech

Ethnic name: from Vlach, a word that originally meant `Wallachian' but that was subsequently broadened in sense to denote an Italian or Romanian.

**Volante**
Current frequencies: GB: 161, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 2
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

Nickname: apparently from Italian *volante* `flying'.

*Early Bearers:* Gaitana Volante, born in Atina, Italy, in *Census 1881* (Liverpool, Lancs); Andrew Volante, born in Italy, in *Census 1891*; Siciedo Volante, organ grinder, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Ardivino Volante, street musician, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (East Stonehouse, Devon); Francesco Volante, tube work labourer, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Glasgow, Lanarks); Thomas Valente, organ grinder, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Aston, Warwicks); Guilio Volante, boot maker, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Clerkenwell, Middx).

**Volpe**
GB frequency, 1881: 1
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
1 language/culture: Italian

Nickname: for a crafty person, from *volpe* `fox' (Latin *vulpes*).

*Early Bearers:* Louis Volpe, born in "foreign parts", in *Census 1841* (Birmingham, Warwicks); Gironalmo Volpe, professor of Italian literature, born in Venice, in *Census 1861* (Marylebone, Middx); Vincenzo Volpe, ice cream maker, born in Italy, in *Census 1891* (Deptford, Kent); Tore Volpe, born in Italy, in *Census 1901* (Fulham, Middx); Lorenzo Volpe, cook, born in Italy, in *Census 1911* (Westminster, Middx).
2 language/culture: Jewish (eastern Ashkenazic)

Locative name: from a place in Belarus, southeast of Grodno, the Yiddish name of which is *Volp(e)* (Belorussian, Russian *Volph*, Polish *Woƚpa*).

*Early Bearers:* Robert and Rachel Volpe, born in Russia, in *Census 1901* (London).

**Yiangou**
GB frequency, 1881: 0
main GB location, 1881: -
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Greek, Cypriot

Relationship name: from the old genitive case of the Greek personal name *Yiangos*, which may derive either from a colloquial version of *Ioannes* (see *John*) or from the Italian or Spanish name *Iago*. It is a common name in Cyprus.

**Zanelli**
Current frequencies: GB: 178, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 30
main GB location, 1881: Middx; WR Yorks
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian

Relationship name: from a pet form of the personal name Zanni, a northeastern (Venetian) form of *Gianni, Giovanni*, Italian equivalent of *John*. 
Early Bearers: Giovanni Zanelli, musician, born in Parma, Italy, in Census 1861 (Holborn, Middx); Antonio Zanelli, 1862, in BMD (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Rosanna Zanelli, 1869 in IGI (Sheffield, WR Yorks); Francesco Zanelli, looking glass manufacturer, born in Lombardy, Italy, in Census 1871 (Spitalfields, Middx); Walter Zanelli, 1884 in IGI (Carbrook, WR Yorks); Domenico Zanelli, looking glass frame maker, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Clerkenwell, Middx); Giovanni Zanelli, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Chatham, Kent).

Zanetti
Current frequencies: GB: 115, Ireland: 0.
GB frequency, 1881: 18
main GB location, 1881: WR Yorks and Lancs
main Irish location, 1847-64:
language/culture: Italian
Relationship name: from a pet form of the personal name Zanni, a northeastern (Venetian) form of Gianni, Giovanni, Italian equivalent of John. Compare Zanelli.
Early Bearers: Celestino Zanetti, looking glass frame maker, born in Italy, in Census 1871 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Daniel Zanetti, born in Italy, in Census 1881; Maria Zanetti, in Census 1881 (Leeds, WR Yorks); Charles Zanetti, commercial traveller, born in Italy, in Census 1891 (Manchester, Lancs); Eduardo Zanetti, mosaic worker, born in Italy, in Census 1901 (Holborn, Middx); Giovanni Zanetti, violin maker, born in Italy in Census 1911 (Bournemouth, Hants).