

Female Nicknames

Commonly used by
English, Scottish & Irish



NICKNAME(s)	GIVEN NAME(s)
Abby	Abigail
Addie	Adelina
Aggie,also Nancy (Scottish usage)	Agnes, Agatha
Allie	Alice, Althea
Alma	Almarinda
Amy	Amelia
Annette	Ann, Anne
Axey	Achsah
Babs, Barb, Babbie	Barbara
Becky	Rebecca
Bee	Beatrice, Beatrix
Belle, Bella	Arabella, Isabel
Berty	Bertha,Roberta

Betty, Bess, Betsy, Beth	Elizabeth
Biddy	Obedience, Bridget
Cam	Camilia
Candy	Candace
Carrie	Caroline
Cassie	Cassandra
Cathy, Kate, Kathy, Kit, Kay, Kitty	Catherine
Chrissie, Christie, Chris	Christina
Cicely, Cis	Cecelia
Cinda, Cindy	Lucinda, Cinderella
Clara	Clarissa
Clemmie	Clementine
Collete	Nicolette
Connie	Constance
Corley	Cornelia
Creasy, Crecy	Lucretia
Deb, Debby	Deborah
Delia	Cordelia
Della	Adelina
Dicey, Diza	Eudicia, Boadicea
Dona	Caledonia
Dot, Dolly	Dorothy

Dotie	Theordosia, Doris, Dorothy, Odette, Delores, Dora
Drucie	Drucilla
Eddie, Edy	Edwina, Edith
Effie	Euphemia
Ella	Eleanor, Gabriella
Ellen, Elle	Eleanor, Helen
Elsie	Alice, Elsbeth
Emma	Erminia
Essie	Esther
Ethel	Ethelinda
Eudora, Dora	Theodora
Eunie, Nicey, Nicy	Eugenia, Eunice Eura or Ura
Eura or Ura	Eureka
Eva	Evangeline, Evaline
Fanny, Frank	Frances
Flo, Flossie, Flora	Florence
Freddie	Fredericka
Gail	Abigail
Genie, Gene	Eugenia
Gertie	Gertrude

Gincey, Jenny	Jane
Greta	Margaret
Grissel	Griselda
Gussia	Augusta
Gwen	Gwendolyn
Hallie	Mahalia
Hatty, Hattie	Harriett
Hepsy	Hephzibah
Hetty	Henrietta
Hulda	Mahulda
Janet, Jeanne, Jennet, Jenny	Jane, Virginia
Jess	Jessie
Jessie	Jessica
Josie, Jo	Josepha, Josephine
Judy	Judith
Juliet	Julia
Karen	Karenhappuch
Kate, Kathy, Kay, Kitty	K(C)atherine
Leitha	Alletha, Tellitha
Lena	Helena, Magdalena
Letty	Lettice, Letitia

Lexie	Alexa, Alexandra
Lila	Delilah
Lina	Selina
Linda	Malinda, Ethelinda
Livvy	Lavinia, Olivia
Liz, Liza, Lizzy, Libby	Elizabeth, Eliza
Lotta, Lottie	Charlotte
Lou, Louie, Lu, Lulu	Louisa, Louise
Lucy	Lucinda
Lula	Tallulah
Madge, Margie	Margaret, Margery, Marjorie
Mae, May	Mary
Mag, Maggy	Margaret
Mandy	Amanda
Milly	Emily, Amelia, Millicent, Mildred
Minnie	Mary, Minerva
Modlin	Magdalena - German Usage
Molly, Polly	Mary
Mona	Desdemona, Ramona
Myra	Almira, Palmyra

Nabby	Abigail
Nan, Nancy, Nanny	Agnes - Scottish usage
Nan, Nancy, Nanny	Ann, Anne, Anna - English usage
Necy	Permezia
Nell, Nelly, Nellie	Eleanor, Ellen, Helen, Penelope
Nerva, Nerve	Minerva
Netty	Antionette, Henrietta, Jeannette, Zan(n)etta
Nicey	Eunice
Nina	Ann, Anna, Penina
Nita	Anita , Juanita
Noma	Naomi
Nona	Winona
Nora	Eleanor, Honora, Leonora
Ola	Viola, Tuliola
Ollie	Olivia, Ollvine
Pam	Pamala
Patsy, Patty, Pat	Martha, Patricia
Peg, Peggy	Margaret

Phemie	Euphemia
Pheny	Josephine
Polly, Poll	Mary, Paulina
Prissy	Pricilla
Prudy, Prue	Prudence
Reba	Rebecca
Rena	Serena, Irena, Arrena
Rita	Marguerita
Roxie	Roxanne
Sadie, Sally, Sal	Sarah, Sara
Sam, Sammy	Samantha
Sandra	Cassandra
Sheba	Bathsheba
Sillah	Drusiliah, Drucilla, Priscilla
Sinah	Arcena
Sis, Sisley, Sesaley	Cecilia
Sophy	Sophia
Sue, Suke, Suky, Susie	Susan, Susannah
Tabby	Tabitha
Tammy	Tamira
Tamzine	Thomasine

Tempy	Temperance
Terry, Tess	Theresa
Theny	Bethena
Thursa, Thursday, Thurze	Theresa
Tilda, Tilly	Mathilda, Matilda
Tina	Albertina, Christina
Tish	Letitia
Trix, Trixy	Beatrix, Beatrice
Trudy	Gertrude
Vergie	Virginia
Viney, Vinnie	Lavinia
Willie	Williamina, any feminine form of William
Wilmett, Wilmot	Wilhelmina
Winnie	Winifred
Xina	Christina
Zilla	Zerilda, Luzilla, Barzilla
Zoey	Zoe

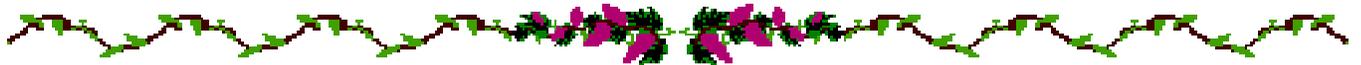
Other Nickname sight Links

Common Nicknames at US GenWeb

18th Century PA German

Nicknames

DUTCHNAMES AND NICKNAMES



British Naming Patterns

In 18th & 19th Century Britain families generally tended to name their children in a specific pattern as follows:

Males

First-born Son - father's father

Second-born Son - mother's father

Third-born Son - father

Fourth-born Son - father's eldest brother

Fifth-born Son - father's 2nd oldest brother or mother's oldest brother

Females

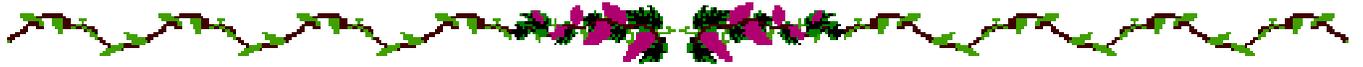
First-born Daughter - mother's mother

Second-born Daughter - father's mother

Third-born Daughter - mother

Fourth-born Daughter - mother's eldest sister

Fifth-born Daughter - mother's 2nd oldest sister or father's oldest sister



18th Century German Naming Customs

PATTERN A

1st son
after the father's father
2nd son
after the mother's father
3rd son
after the father
4th son
after the father's father's father
5th son
after the mother's father's father
6th son
after the father's mother's father
7th son
after the mother's mother's father

1st daughter
after the mother's mother
2nd daughter
after the father's mother
3rd daughter
after the mother
4th daughter
after the father's father's mother
5th daughter
after the mother's father's mother
6th daughter
after the father's mother's mother
7th daughter
after the mother's mother's mother

PATTERN B

**The pattern B for the sons
is the same as the pattern
A, but this pattern for
daughters was different
SEE BELOW**

1st daughter
after the father's mother
2nd daughter
after the mother's mother
3rd daughter
after the mother
4th daughter
after the mother's father's mother
5th daughter
after the father's father's mother

Pattern C

1st son

after the father's father

2nd son

after the mother's father

3rd son

after the father's oldest brother

4th son

after the father

1st daughter

after the father's mother

2nd daughter

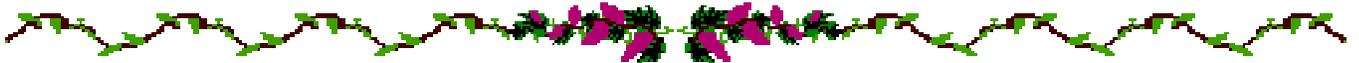
after the mother's mother

3rd daughter

after the mother's oldest sister

4th daughter

after the mother



Scottish Naming Patterns

An understanding of naming patterns can be very helpful in tracing one's ancestry. Many Scottish families follow the custom of naming their children after the grandparents in the following manner:

First born son named for the paternal grandfather.

Second son named for the maternal grandfather.

Third son named for the father.

First born daughter for the paternal grandmother. (sometimes maternal grandmother)

Second daughter for the maternal grandmother. (sometimes paternal grandmother)

Third daughter for the mother.

This can cause families to have two children with the same name if the grandparents had the same name. The process also started over if the parent remarried, so it is common to find half brothers or sisters with the same names. Not all Scotts families followed this pattern, but many that did continued it long after leaving Scotland.



Surnames & Naming patterns

Patronymics - Lowland names such as Wilson, Robertson, Thomson and Johnson are among the most common surnames in Scotland. 'Mac' names are also patronymic. MacManus - son of Magnus. 'Mc' is just a printer's contraction and has no significance as to etymology.

Occupation - Names which are derived from trades and occupations - mostly found in towns. The most common of these is Smith (the most common surname in Scotland, England and the USA) but other examples would be Taylor (tailor) Baxter (baker) and Cooper (barrel maker).

Locality - In Scotland the tendency is for people to be named after places (in England the tendency is the opposite). Examples of such names are Morton, Lauder, Menzies and Galloway.

Nickname - Names which could refer to colour or size, e.g. White, Black, Small, Little. Scottish names in this category include Campbell (meaning 'crooked mouth'). Another example of nickname - this time referring to the bearers origins - is Scott.



COLONIAL NAMING CUSTOMS

New England's first settlers bore names of three different types: those of English origin, those of Hebrew derivation, and those intended to have a moral significance. Early settlers seemed to favor names for their associated moral qualities. Among girls' names, which were no doubt intended to incite their bearers to lead godly lives, were: Content, Lowly, Mindwell, Obedience, Patience, Silence, Charity, Mercy, Comfort, Delight and Thankful. Many different practices of naming were used among the early colonists. A popular custom in both Virginia and New England was the use of surnames as given names. This occurred mostly with boys, but it was not unknown for girls. Some names were also chosen for their magical properties, and astrologers were consulted in attempt to find a "fortunate" or "lucky" name. Among Quakers in Colonial Pennsylvania and Delaware, babies went through a ritual called nomination. An infant's name was carefully selected by the parents, certified by friends, witnessed by neighbors, and then entered in the register of the meeting. Basically new practices were developed within each region or culture as Amercia was settled. Old English names, connected with the Church of England, were not often favored by the Puritans. Puritans named their children somewhat differently than other English-speaking settlers, preferring Biblical names. Evidently, some parents shut their eyes, opened the Bible, and pointed to a word at random--what else could account for a child being named Notwithstanding or Maybe? Our ancestors often used the following naming pattern when selecting a name for a new child. This explains why certain names are very common in a family line. Watching for these patterns can help in your genealogy research.

Naming pattern:

1st son = father's father

2nd son = mother's father

3rd son = father

4th son = father's oldest brother

5th son = father's second oldest brother or mother's eldest brother

1st daughter = mother's mother

2nd daughter = father's mother

3rd daughter = mother

4th daughter = mother's oldest sister

5th daughter = mother's second oldest sister or father's oldest sister

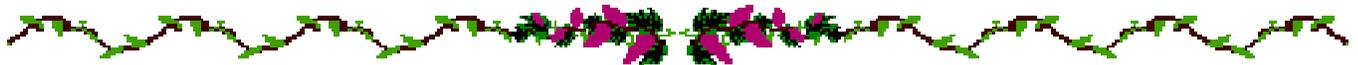
It is also common to use:

the mother's maiden name as a second name;

the surname of close friends as a second name;

give another child exactly the same name as a previous child who had died;

or give a child the name of a relative or friend who had recently died.



NOTE:

After reviewing the many different sights with tips on naming patterns

used by various groups I concluded: While there were naming patterns that were practiced by different families, that there are many derivations and opinions of which was most commonly used in a specific region or

by a specific immigrant group. These tips can be used as a guide but in any given family they may differ. People came to this Country because they wanted freedom to change with a new independence to do things differently. Certainly naming patterns practiced were often part of this change. So use above info as a guide but realize there are exceptions.



★ Common Nicknames ★

Please don't limit yourself to this source for nicknames; there have been several scholarly works on the topic which divide nicknames into time periods - check them out at your local library.

MALE GIVEN NAMES

- Aaron--Erin, Ron, Ronnie
- Abel--Ab, Abe, Eb, Ebbie
- Abiah/Abijah--A.B., Ab, Biah
- Abiel--Biel, Ab
- Abraham/Abram--Abe
- Abner--Ab
- Adam--Ad, Ade
- Adelbert--Ad, Ade, Albert, Bert, Del, Delbert,
- Elbert
- Adolph/Adolphus--Ad, Dolph, Olph
- Alan--Al
- Alanson--Alan, Al, Lonson
- Albert--Al, Bert, Elbert, see also Adelbert
- Aldrich--Al, Rich, Richie
- Alexander--Al, Alex, Eleck, Sandy
- Alfred--Al, Fred
- Alonzo--Al, Lon, Lonzo
- Anderson--Ander, Andy, Sonny
- Andrew--Andy, Drew
- Anthony--Tony
- Archibald--Archie, Baldo
- Arthur--Art
- Asaph--Asa
- Asahel--Asa
- Azariah--Aze, Riah
- Augustus/Augustine--August, Austin, Gus
- B.F.--Often for Benjamin Franklin
- Barnabas--Barney
- Bartholomew--Bart, Bartel, Bat, Mees, Meus
- Benedict--Ben, Bennie
- Benjamin--Ben, Bennie, Benjy, Jamie
- Bernard--Barney, Berney
- Bradford--Brad, Ford
- Broderick--Ricky, Brady, Brody
- Calvin--Cal, Vin, Vinny
- Cameron--Cam, Ronny, Ron
- Carl--see Charles
- Casey, Kasey--K.C.
- Cedric--Ced, Rick, Ricky
- Charles--Carl, Charlie, Chick, Chuck

FEMALE GIVEN NAMES

- Abigail--Abby, Nabby, Gail
- Adaline/Adeline--Ada, Addy, Dell, Delia, Lena
- Adelaide--Addy, Adele, Dell, Della, Heidi
- Adelpia--Adele, Addy, Dell, Delphia, Philly
- Agatha--Aggy
- Agnes--Aggy, Inez, Nessa
- Aileen--Allie, Lena
- Alberta--Allie, Bert, Bertie
- Alexandra--Alex, Alla, Sandy
- Alfreda--Alfy, Freda, Freddy, Frieda
- Alice/Alicia--Allie, Elsie, Lisa
- Almena--Allie, Mena
- Amanda--Manda, Mandy
- Amelia--Emily, Mel, Millie, Amy
- Ann/Anne--Annie, Nan, Nanny, Nana, Nancy (and Ann is sometimes a nickname for Antoinette, Christiana, Roseanne, etc.)
- Antoinette/Antonia--Ann, Tony, Netta
- Arabella/Arabelle--Ara, Arry, Belle, Bella
- Arlene--Arly, Lena
- Armena--Arry, Mena
- Asenath--Assene, Natty, Sene
- Augusta/Augustina--Aggy, Gatsy, Gussie, Tina
- Barbara--Bab, Babs, Barby, Bobbie
- Beatrice--Bea, Trisha, Trix, Trixie
- Belinda--Belle, Linda
- Bertha--Birdie, Bert, Bertie
- Bridget--Biddie, Bidy, Bridgie, Bridie
- Camille--Cammie, Millie
- Cornelia--Cornie, Nelia
- Carol/Caroline/Carolyn--Carrie, Cassie, Lynn
- Cassandra--Cassie, Sandra, Sandy
- Catherine/Cathleen/Katherine/Kathleen--Cathy, Kathy,
- Katy, Cassie, Kay, Kit, Kittie, Trina, Lena
- Cecilia--Celia, Cissy
- Charlotte--Char, Lottie, Lotta, Sherry
- Christine/Christina/Christiana/Kristine, etc.--Chris,
- Kris, Crissy, Christy, Kristy, Tina
- Clarinda--Clara
- Clarissa--Clara, Cissy

- Chauncey--Chan
- Chester--Chet
- Christopher/Christian--Chris, Kit
- Clarence--Clair, Clare
- Clement--Clem
- Clifford--Cliff, Ford
- Clifton--Cliff, Tony
- Columbus--Clum
- Conrad--Con, Conny
- Cornelius--Con, Conny, Corny, Niel
- Courtney--Court, Curt
- Cyrenius--Cene, Cy, Renius, Serene, Swene
- Curtis--Curt
- Dalton--Dahl/Dal
- Daniel--Dan, Danny
- David--Dave, Davey, Day
- Delbert--Bert, Del
- Dennis--Denny, may be short for Dennison
- Derrick--Eric, Rick, Ricky
- Donald--Don, Donny
- Ebenezer--Eben, Eb, Ebbie
- Edmund--Ed, Ned, Ted
- Edward--Ed, Ned, Ted, Teddy
- Edwin--Ed, Ned, Win
- Elbert--see Adelbert, Albert
- Eleazer--Lazar
- Elias--Eli, Lee, Lias
- Elijah--Eli, Lige
- Eliphalet--Left
- Elisha--Eli, Lish
- Ellswood/Elswood--Elsey/Elze/Elsie
- Elwood--Woody
- Emanuel--Manny, Manuel
- Ephraim--Eph
- Epaphroditus--Dite, Ditus, Dyce, Dyche, Eppa
- Eric--Rick, Ricky, may be nickname for Derrick
- Ernest--Ernie
- Eugene--Gene
- Ezekiel--Ez, Zeke
- Ezra--Ez
- Ferdinand--Ferdie
- Francis--Frank, Fran
- Franklin--Frank, Fran
- Frederick--Fred, Freddy, Fritz
- G.W.--often George Washington
- Gabriel--Gabe, Gabby
- Geoffrey/Jeffrey--Geoff, Jeff
- Gerald--Jerry, Gerry
- Gilbert--Gil, Bert, Wilber
- Harold--Hal, Harry
- Henry--Hal, Hank, Harry
- Herbert--Herb, Bert
- Hezekiah--Hez, Hy, Kiah
- Hiram--Hy
- Hopkins --Hop, Hopp
- Horace--Horry
- Hubert--Hugh, Bert, Hub
- Ignatius--Iggy, Nace, Nate, Natius
- Isaac--Ike, Zeke

- Constance--Connie
- Cordelia--Cordy, Delia
- Cornelia--Corny, Nelle, Nelly, Nelia
- Cynthia--Cindy, Cintha
- Dana
- Darlene--Lena, Darry
- Deborah/Debora--Debby, Debbie, Deb
- Deliverance--Della, Delly, Dilly
- Delores--Dell, Lola, Lolly, Della, Dee
- Dicey--Dicie
- Dorcus--Darkey
- Dorothy--Dolly, Dot, Dortha, Dotty Note: Dolly can also be a name that simply means "baby girl"--sometimes given when the name was undecided; it often stuck.
- Edith--Edie
- Elaine--see Eleanor
- Eleanor--Elaine, Ellen, Ellie, Lanna, Lenora, Nelly, Nora
- Elizabeth--Eliza, Bess, Bessie, Beth, Betsy, Betty, Lib, Libby, Liza, Lisa, Liz, Lizzie
- Ellen--see Eleanor and Helen
- Elmira--Elly, Ellie, Mira
- Elouise--Louise, see Heloise
- Elsie--see Alice
- Emily--Emmy, Millie, Emma, see Amelia and Emeline
- Emeline--Em, Emily, Emma, Emmy, Milly
- Estelle/Estella--Essy, Stella
- Esther--see Hester
- Evaline--Eva, Eve, Lena
- Faith--Fay
- Fidelia--Delia
- Florence--Flo, Flora, Flossy
- Frances--Fanny, Fran, Cissy, Frankie, Sis
- Fredericka--Freda, Freddy, Ricka, Frieda
- Gabrielle/Gabriella--Gabby, Ella
- Gail--see Abigail
- Genevieve--Eve, Jean, Jenny
- Geraldine--Dina, Gerry, Gerrie, Jerry
- Gertrude--Trudy, Gert, Gertie
- Gwendolyn--Gwen, Wendy
- Hannah--Nan, Nanny, Anna, also may be a nickname for Johannah, Susannah.
- Harriet--Hattie
- Heidi--see Adelaide
- Helen/Helene--Ella, Ellen, Ellie, Lena
- Heloise--Eloise, Lois
- Henrietta--Etta, Etty, Hank, Nettie, Retta
- Hermione--Hermie
- Hepsibah/Hephsibah--Hipsie
- Hester--Hessy, Esther, Hetty
- Ina--see Lavina
- Inez--see Agnes
- Irene--Rena
- Isabel/Isabelle/Isabella--Bella, Belle, Ib, Issy, Nib, Nibby, Tibbie
- Isadora--Dora, Issy
- Jane--Janie, Jean, Jennie, Jessie
- Janet--Jessie, Jan
- Jean/Jeanne--Jane, Jeannie
- Jeanette--Janet, Jean, Jessie, Nettie

- Isidore--Izzy
- Jacob--Jaap, Jake, Jay, could be short for Jacobus.
- James--Jamie, Jem, Jim, Jimmy
- Jay--see Jacob
- Jedidiah--Jed
- Jefferson--Jeff, Sonny
- Jehiel--Hiel
- Jeremiah--Jereme, Jerry
- John--Jack, Jock, Johnny, occasionally a nickname for Jonathan
- Jonathan--Nathan, possibly John/Jon
- Joseph--Joe, Joey, Jos, Jody
- Joshua--Josh, Jos
- Josiah--Jos
- Judson--Jud, Sonny
- Julias/Julian--Jule
- Junior--JR, June, Junie
- K.C.--sometimes for Kasey/Casey
- Kenneth--Ken, Kenny, also for Kendall, Kendrick, Kent, etc.
- King--may be short for Kingston or Kingsley
- Lafayette--Fate, Laffie
- Lamont--Monty
- Lawrence/Laurence--Larry, Lon, Lonny, Lorne, Lorry
- Lemuel--Lem
- Leonard--Leo, Leon, Len, Lenny, Lineau
- LeRoy--L.R., Lee, Roy
- Leslie--Les
- Lester--Les
- Levi--Lee
- Lincoln--Link
- Lorenzo--Loren
- Lucias/Lucas--Luke
- Luther--Luke
- Lyndon--Lynn, Lindy
- Marcus--Mark
- Martin--Marty
- Marvin--Marv
- Matthew/Matthias--Matt, Thias, Thys
- Maurice/Morris--Morey
- Mervyn--Merv
- Micah--somes short for Michael
- Michael--Mike, Micah, Mick, Micky
- Mitchell--Mitch
- Montgomery--Monty, Gum
- Napoleon--Nap, Nappy, Leon
- Nathan--Nate, sometimes short for Nathaniel or Jonathan
- Nathaniel--Nathan, Nate, Nat, Natty, Than
- Nicholas--Nick, Claas, Claes
- Norbert--Bert, Norby
- Obadiah--Diah, Dyer, Obed, Obie
- Oliver--Ollie
- Oswald--Ossy, Ozzy, Waldo
- Patrick--Paddy, Pat, Patsy, Pate, sometimes Peter
- Pelegrine--Perry
- Percival--Percy
- Peter--Pete, Pate
- Philetus--Leet, Phil
- Phillip--Phil

- Jemima--Mima
- Jennifer--Jennie
- Jessica--Jessie
- Joan--Nonie, sometimes short form of Joanna/Johannah
- Joanna/Johannah--Joan, Jody, Hannah
- Josephine--Jody, Jo, Joey, Josey, Fina
- Joyce--Joy
- Juanita--Nettie, Nita
- Julia--Julie, Jill
- Keziah--Kizza, Kizzie
- Lavina/Lavinia--Ina, Vina, Viney
- Lenora--Nora, Lee, see Eleanor
- Letitia--Lettie, Lettice, Titia, Tish
- Lillah -- Lily, Lilly, Lil, Lolly
- Lillian--Lil, Lilly, Lolly
- Linda--Lindy, Lynn, may be a short form of Belinda, Melinda, Philinda, etc.
- Lisa--may be a short form of Elizabeth, Alice, Melissa
- Lois--see Heloise, Louise
- Loretta--Etta, Lorrie, Retta
- Lorraine--Lorrie
- Louise/Louisa--Lou, Eliza, Lois
- Lucille--Lu, Lou, Cille, Lucy
- Lucinda--Cindy, Lu, Lou, Lucy
- Luella--Ella, Lu, Lula
- Lydia/Lidia--Lyddy
- Lynn--may be short form of Carolyn, Madeline, Linda, etc.
- Madeline--Lena, Maddy, Madge, Magda, Maggie,
- Maida, Maud
- Magdelina--Lena, Madge, Magda
- Mahala--Hallie
- Margaret/Margaretta--Daisy, Gretta, Madge, Maggie,
- Meg, Midge, Peg, Peggy, Rita, Margery, Marge, Margie
- Martha--Marty, Mat, Mattie, Patsy, Patty
- Mary--Molly, Polly, Mae, Mamie, Mitzi
- Matilda--Tilly, Matty, Maud
- Mehitabel--Hetty, Hitty, Mabel, Mitty
- Melinda--Linda, Lindy, Mel, Mindy
- Melissa--Lisa, Lissa, Mel, Milly, Missy
- Michelle--Mickey
- Mildred--Milly
- Millicent--Milly, Missy
- Minerva--Minnie
- Miranda--Mandy, Mira, Randy
- Miriam--Mimi, Mitzi
- Nancy--Nan, see also Ann
- Natalie--Natty, Nettie
- Olive/Olivia--Ollie, Nollie, Livia
- Parmelia--Amelia, Melia, Milly
- Patience--Pat, Patty
- Patricia--Pat, Patty, Patsy, Tricia
- Paula/Paulina--Polly, Lina
- Penelope--Penny
- Philinda--Linda
- Priscilla--Cissy, Cilla, Prissy
- Prudence--Prudy, Prue
- Rachel--Shelly
- Rebecca--Reba, Becca, Becky, Beck
- Regina--Reggie, Gina

- Prescott--Scott, Scotty, Pres
- Ralph--sometimes for Raphael
- Randolph--Randy, Dolph
- Raymond--Ray
- Reginald--Reg, Reggie, Naldo, Renny
- Reuben--Rube
- Richard--Dick, Dickon, Rich, Rick, Ricky
- Robert--Bob, Dob, Dobbin, Hob, Hobkin, Rob,
- Robby, Bobby, Robin, Rupert
- Roger/Rodger--Roge, Hodge, Rod
- Roland--Lanny, Rollo, Rolly, variant of Orlando
- Ronald--Ron, Ronny, Naldo
- Rudolph/Rudolphus--Dolph, Olph, Rolf, Rudy
- Rupert--variant of Robert
- Russell--Russ, Rusty
- Samuel--Sam, Sammy
- Seymour--Morey, See
- Shelton--Shelly, Shel, Tony
- Sheridan--Dan, Danny, Sher
- Sidney--Sid, Syd
- Silas--Si
- Simon/Simeon--Si, Sion
- Smith--Smitty
- Solomon--Sal, Salmon, Saul, Sol, Solly, Zolly
- Stephen/Steven--Steve, Steph
- Sullivan--Sully, Van
- Sylvester--Si, Sly, Sy, Syl, Vester, Vet, Vessie
- Terence--Terry
- Thaddeus--Thad
- Theodore--Ted, Teddy, Theo
- Thomas--Tom, Thom, Tommy
- Timothy--Tim, Timmy
- Tobias--Toby, Bias
- Uriah--Riah
- Valentine--Felty/Feltie
- Vincent/Vinson--Vince, Vin, Vinny
- Wallace--Wally
- Washington--Wash, often for George Washington
- Wilber/Wilbur--Will, variant of Gilbert
- Wilfred--Will, Willie, Fred
- William--Will, Willie, Bill, Billy, sometimes Bell or Bela
- Winfield--Win, Winny, Field
- Woodrow--Wood, Woody, Drew
- Zachariah--Zach, Zachy, Zeke
- Zebedee--Zeb
- Zedediah--Zed, Diah, Dyer
- Zephaniah--Zeph
- 3rd--Trey
- 4th--Ivy (from IV)
- 5th--Quince, Quint
- Generic names for sons named for father: Chip, Skip, Sonny

- Relief--Leafa
- Roberta--Bobbie, Robbie, Bert, Bertie or Birdie
- Rosabel/Rosabella--Belle, Rosa, Rose, Roz
- Rosalyn/Rosalinda--Rosa, Rose, Linda, Roz
- Roseann/Roseanna--Rose, Ann, Roz, Rosie
- Roxanne/Roxanna--Ann, Rose, Roxie
- Sabrina--Brina
- Sandra--Sandy, see Cassandra, Alexandra
- Sarah--Sally, Sadie
- Selina (Celina)--Lena
- Serena--Rena
- Shirley--Lee, Sherry, Shirl
- Submit--Mitty
- Susan/Susannah--Sue, Sukey, Susie, Hannah
- Tabitha--Tabby
- Theresa--Terry, Tess, Tessie, Tessa, Thirza, Thursa, Tracy
- Tryphena--Phena
- Valerie--Val
- Vanessa--Nessa, Essa, Vanna
- Veronica--Franky, Frony, Ron, Ronnie, Ronna, Vonnie
- Victoria--Vicky
- Virginia--Ginger, Ginny, Jane, Jennie, Virgy
- Wilhelmina--Mina, Willie, Wilma, Minnie
- Winifred--Winnie, Freddie, Winnet