

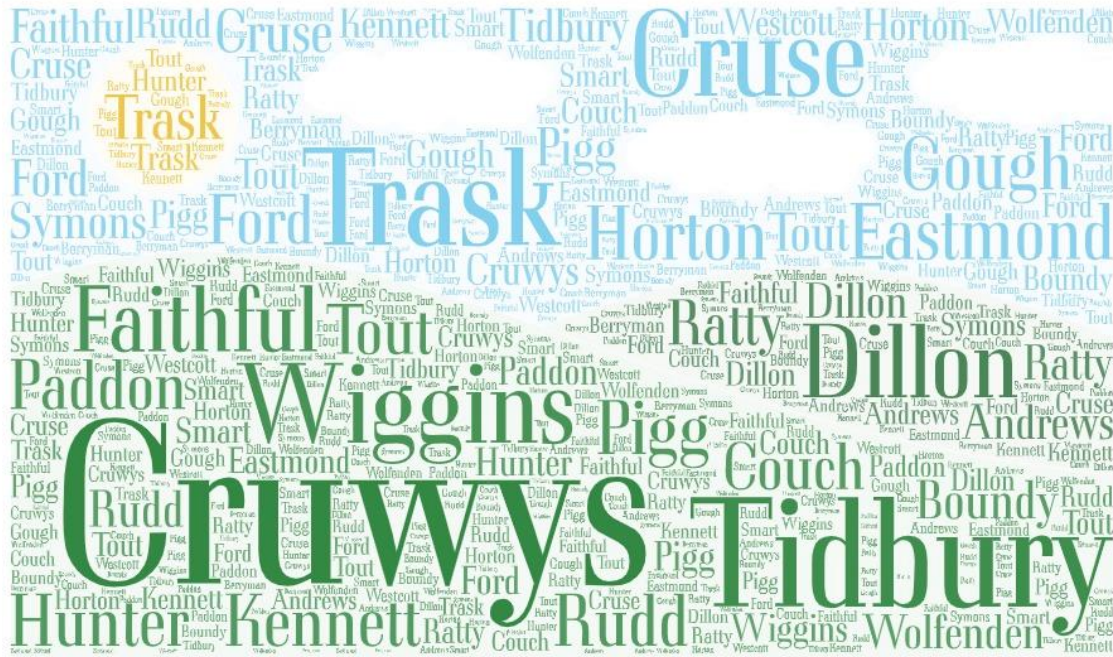
## What's in a name?

## DNA, surnames and one-name studies

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## Surname resources

- <https://one-name.org> The Guild of One-Name Studies
- <https://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/tutorials/one-name-study> How to start a one-name study by Debbie Kennett
- <https://one-name.org/modern-british-surnames> Modern British Surnames – the surname studies website created by the late Philip Dance and devoted to the distribution, incidence and statistical analysis of the surnames of Britain. The site is now hosted by the Guild of One-Name Studies.
- <https://www.sog.org.uk/education/learning-hub/guides-tips/surname-searching> Surname searching – what’s been done before by the Society of Genealogists
- <https://www.cyndislist.com/surnames> Cyndi’s List surname pages
- <https://forebears.io/surnames> Forebears – the meaning and distribution of over 31 million surnames
- <http://surnames.behindthename.com> Behind the Name

## Surname mapping and distribution

- [www.ancestry.com/learn/facts](http://www.ancestry.com/learn/facts) Surname facts and maps from Ancestry.com based on censuses.
- <https://apps.cdrc.ac.uk/gbnames> GBNames. Surname distribution maps, frequency tables and much more.
- [www.thegenealogist.co.uk](http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk) The Genealogist. Surname distribution maps from the British censuses and the 1940 US census. Additional maps available for subscribers.
- <https://your-family-history.com> Distributions in England and Wales from 1841 to 1911

- [www.archersoftware.co.uk](http://www.archersoftware.co.uk) The 19th-century Surname Atlas CD from Archer Software. Maps can be customised by colour and to view actual distributions or distributions per 100,000 of the population.
- [www.johngrenham.com/surnames](http://www.johngrenham.com/surnames) John Grenham's Irish surnames websites
- [www.barrygriffin.com/surname-maps/irish](http://www.barrygriffin.com/surname-maps/irish) Surname maps for 1901 and 1911 censuses
- [https://isogg.org/wiki/Surname\\_mapping](https://isogg.org/wiki/Surname_mapping) Surname mapping resources

## Medieval records

- <https://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk> Chris Phillips' Medieval Genealogy website

## Surname interests

- <https://www.rootschat.com> Rootschat – a genealogy forum with boards for listing surname interests
- <https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/surname-search> Surname interests from the Family History Federation

## Surname dictionaries

- Patrick Hanks, Richard Coates and Peter McClure (eds). *The Oxford Dictionary of Family Names in Britain and Ireland*. Oxford University Press, 2016. For details see: <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/the-oxford-dictionary-of-family-names-in-britain-and-ireland-9780199677764> The dictionary is available in some genealogy libraries. It also available in large reference libraries via Oxford Reference Online and with some library tickets.
- Kay Muhr and Liam Ó hAisibéil. *The Oxford Dictionary of Family Names of Ireland*. Oxford University Press, 2021. <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/the-oxford-dictionary-of-family-names-of-ireland-9780198803263>
- Patrick Hanks (ed). *Dictionary of American Family Names*. 2nd edition. Oxford University Press, USA, 2022. For details see: <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/dictionary-of-american-family-names-2nd-edition-9780190245115?cc=gb&lang=en&> Available in print and as an online database in large reference libraries.
- George Fraser Black. *The Surnames of Scotland*. New York Public Library, 1946. Available from: <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books>
- John Rowlands and Sheila Rowlands. *The Surnames of Wales*. Updated and expanded second edition. Gomer with The National Library of Wales, 2013.
- P H Reaney and R M Wilson. *A Dictionary of English Surnames*. 3rd edition. Oxford University Press, reprinted 2005.
- John Titford, *Penguin Dictionary of British Surnames*. Penguin, 2009. A new edition of the dictionary originally compiled by Basil Cottle in 1967.

## General books on surname history and research methodology

- Julie Goucher. *Researching Surnames: A Guide to One-Name Studies*. Guild of One-Name Studies, 2019. Available from: <https://one-name.org/welcome-to-the-guild-shop>
- Debbie Kennett. *The Surnames Handbook: A Guide to Family Name Research in the 21st Century*. The History Press, 2012.
- R A McKinley. *A History of British Surnames*. Longman Group, 1990.
- Edward MacLysaght. *Irish Families: their Names, Arms and Origins*. Irish Academic Press, Revised and enlarged 4th edition, 1985. (First published 1957)
- George Redmonds. *Surnames and Genealogy: A New Approach*. Federation of Family History Societies, 2002.
- George Redmonds, David Hey and Turi King. *Surnames, DNA, and Family History*. Oxford University Press, 2011.

- Colin D Rogers. *The Surname Detective: Investigating Surname Distribution in England, 1086-Present Day*. Manchester University Press, 1995.
- Anne Shankland (ed). *The Seven Pillars of Wisdom: The Art of One-Name Studies*. Guild of One-Name Studies, 2012. Available on Amazon or from: <https://one-name.org/welcome-to-the-guild-shop>
- John Titford. *Searching for Surnames*. Countryside Books, 2002.
- Andrew Todd. *Family History Nuts and Bolts: Problem-Solving Through Family Reconstitution Techniques*. 3rd edition. Allen and Todd, 2015.

## Courses

- <https://www.pharostutors.com> Pharos Teaching and Tutoring Limited offers an introductory and advanced course on one-name studies.

## DNA resources

- ISOGG Wiki: <https://isogg.org/wiki>
- FamilySearch guide to DNA testing: <https://www.familysearch.org/dna-testing>
- DNA articles from *Who Do You Think You Are? Magazine*: <https://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/tutorials/dna>
- DNA pages from the Guild of One-Name Studies: <https://one-name.org/dna-introduction>

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- Cruwys profile page: [https://one-name.org/name\\_profile/cruwys](https://one-name.org/name_profile/cruwys)
- Cruwys DNA Project: <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/cruwys-dna>

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