



ABC's of Nicknames

If you've spent a significant amount of time researching your family history, you've probably run into many of your ancestors referred to with a nickname in records, including censuses. Being familiar with nicknames that your ancestor may have used could help you overcome that "brick wall." It can also prevent the frustration of discovering that that "other" person is actually someone you've already identified in your tree.

Keep in mind that some nicknames may have been common in the region where your ancestor came from, and there are many nicknames not commonly used today that were widely used by our ancestors. Hopefully, this will be helpful to you as you come across variant names in your family history research.

Name	Nickname
A - Female	
Abigail	Nabby, Abby, Gail
Adaline/Adeline	Addy, Ada, Dell, Lena
Adelaide	Adele, Addy, Della, Heidi
Adele	Dell, Addy
Agatha	Aggy
Agnes	Aggy, Inez, Nessa
Aileen	Allie, Lena
Alberta	Allie, Bert, Bertie
Alexandra	Alex, Alla, Sandy
Alfreda	Alfy, Freda, Frieda, Freddy
Alice	Allie, Elsie, Lisa
Amanda	Manda, Mandy
Amelia	Emily, Mel, Millie
Ann/Anne	Annie, Nan, Nana, Nanny, Nancy
Antoinette/Antonia	Nette, Tony, Netta, Ann
Arabella/Arabelle	Ara, Arry, Belle, Bella
Arlene	Arly, Lena
Armena	Arry, Mena
Arminta	Arry, Minta
Augusta/Augustina	Aggy, Tina, Gatsy, Gussie, Tina
A - Male	
Aaron	Erin, Ron, Ronnie
Abel	Ab, Abe, Ed, Ebbie
Abijah	Bige
Abraham, Abram	Abe



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|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Abner | Ab |
| Adam | Ad, Ade |
| Adelbert | Ad, Ade, Albert, Bert, Elbert |
| Adolph/Adolphus | Ad, Olph, Dolph |
| Alan | Al |
| Albert | Al, Bert, Elbert |
| Aldrich | Al, Rich, Richie |
| Alexander | Al, Alex, Sandy |
| Alfred | Al, Fred |
| Alonzo | Al, Lon, Lonzo |
| Anderson | Ander, Andy, Sonny |
| Andrew | Andy, Drew |
| Anthony | Tony |
| Archibald | Archie |
| Arthur | Art |
| August | Auggie, Gus |

B - Female

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| Barbara | Bab, Babs, Barby, Barbie, Bobbie, Barbary (German) |
| Beatrice | Bea, Trix, Trixie, Trisha |
| Belinda | Belle, Linda |
| Bertha | Birdie, Bert, Bertie |
| Bethany | Beth, Theny |
| Bridget | Biddie, Biddy, Bridie, Delia (Irish), Della |

62	4-20-51/189 R 35	Ambrose Victor	Head	M	10	29	M	70	63	British	al
63		Bridie	wife	F	W	31	M	70	8	Ireland	al
64		Beatrice	daughter	F	W	18	2	70			51
65		Barbara	daughter	F	W	9	110				56

B - Male

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|-------------|-------------------------|
| Barnabas | Barney, Berney |
| Bartholomew | Bart, Bartel, Bat, Mees |
| Benedict | Ben, Bennie |
| Benjamin | Ben, Benjy, Bennie |
| Bernard | Barney, Berney |



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Bradford
Broderick
Bronson

Brad, Brady, Ford
Brady, Brody, Ricky
Bron, Sonny

C - Female

Camille
Candace
Carol/Caroline/Carolyn
Cassandra
Catherine/Cathleen
Cecilia
Charlotte
Christine/Christina
Clarissa
Clementine
Cleophas
Constance
Cordelia
Cornelia
Cynthia

Cammie, Cammy, Millie
Candy
Callie, Carol, Carrie, Cassie, Lynn, Caddie
Cassie, Sandra, Sandy
Cassie, Cathy, Katie, Kay, Kit, Kittie, Kitty, Trina, Rina
Celia, Cissy
Char, Lotta, Lottie, Lotty
Chris, Crissy, Christy, Tina
Clara, Cissy
Clemmie
Cleda
Connie
Cordy, Delia
Corny, Nelle, Nelly
Cindy

C - Male

Calvin
Cameron
Cedric
Charles
Chester
Chauncey
Christopher/Chris/Christian
Clarence
Clement
Clifford
Clifton
Conrad
Courtney
Cornelius
Curtis
Cuthbert
Cyrus

Cal, Vin, Vinny
Cam, Ron, Ronny
Ced, Rick
Carl, Charlie, Chick, Chuck
Ches, Chess, Chet
Chan
Chris, Kit
Clair, Clare
Clem
Cliff, Ford
Cliff, Tony
Conny
Court, Curt
Con, Conny, Neil
Curt
Bert
Cy



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D - Female

Darlene	Lena, Darry
Damaris	Dimmis
Deanne/Deanna	Dee
Debora/Debra/Deborah	Deby, Debbie, Debby, Deb
Delilah	Dell, Della, Lillie, Lily, Lila
Delores	Dell, Lola, Della, Dee, Lolly, Dodie
Diana/Diane	Didi
Dorothy	Dolly, Dot, Dotty, Dottie

D - Male

Dalton	Dahl, Dal, Tony
Daniel	Dan, Danny
David	Dave, Davey, Day
Delbert	Bert, Del
Dennison	Denny, Dennis
Derrick	Eric, Ricky, Rick
Dominick	Nick, Dom
Donald	Donnie, Don
Douglas	Doug
Duane	Dewey

E - Female

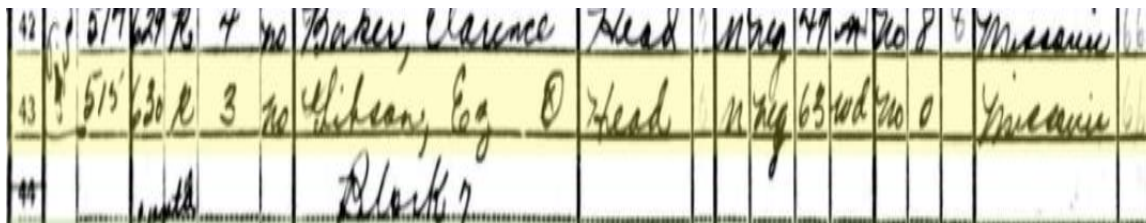
Edith	Eddie, Edie
Edwina	Eddie, Edie
Eleanor	Elaine, Ellen, Ellie, Lenora, Nora
Elizabeth	Betsy, Bess, Bessie, Betty, Eliza, Liz, Liza, Libby
Elouise	Louise
Emily	Emmy, Millie, Emma
Emeline	Emily, Emma, Emmy, Milly
Esther	Hetty, Hettie, Essie
Estelle/Estella	Stella, Essy
Eugenie	Jeannie
Eunice	Nicey, pronounced Ne-cee
Evaline	Eva, Eve, Lena

E - Male

Ebenezer	Ebbie, Eben, Eb
Edmund	Ed, Ted, Ned

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Edward	Ed, Ted, Ned
Edwin	Ed, Ned
Elias	Eli, Lee, Lias
Elijah	Eli
Elwood	Woody
Emanuel	Manuel, Manny
Eric	Rick, Ricky
Ernest	Ernie
Eugene	Gene
Ezekiel	Zeke
Ezra	Ez



F - Female

Faith	Fay
Florence	Flora, Flo, Flossy
Frances	Cissy, Fran, Frankie, Fanny, Sis
Fredericka	Freda, Ricka, Freddie, Freddy
Fredonia	Donia

F - Male

Ferdinand	Fernando, Ferdie
Filbert	Phil, Bert
Francis	Frank, Fran
Franklin	Frank, Fran
Frederick	Freddie, Fred, Fritz

G - Female

Gabrielle/Gabriella	Gabby, Ella
Genevieve	Eve, Jenny, Jean
Geraldine	Gerrie, Jerry, Gerry, Dina
Gertrude	Gert, Gertie, Trudy, Tootie
Gwendolyn	Gwen, Wendy

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Gwenevere

Genny

G - Male

Gabriel

Gabby, Gabe

Gaistone

Gus

Garfield

Gar, Field

Garvin

Gar, Vin, Vinny

Geoffrey

Geoff, Jeff

Gerald/Jerold

Jerry, Gerry

Gilbert

Gil, Bert, Wilber

Gustine

Gus

Gustavus

Gus

H - Female

Hannah

Nannie/Nanny, Nan

Harriet

Hattie, Hat

Heidi

Adelaide

Helen

Ella, Ellie, Ellen, Lena

Heloise

Eloise, Lois

Henrietta

Etty, Etta, Hank, Henri, Retta, Nettie

Hermoine

Hermie

Hester

Hessy, Esther, Hetty

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36					"	Rosa @	Wife	1	F	W	31	M	no	4	4	Term.	81
37					"	Hessy B.	Daughter	2	F	W	13	5	Yes	8	8	Term.	81
38					"	Rachel	Daughter	2	F	W	9	5	Yes	3	3	Term.	81

H - Male

Hansl

Hans

Hamilton

Ham

Halsey

Hal

Harlan

Harley

Harold

Hal, Harry

Harrison

Harry, Harris

Henrich

Heiner, Heinz

Henry

Hal, Hank, Harry

Herbert

Bert, Herb, Herbie

Hiram

Hy, Hez



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Horace
Hubert
Humphrey

Horry
Hugh, Bert, Hub
Humph

I - Female

Irene
Isabel/Isabelle/Isabella
Isadora

Rena
Bella, Bella, Issy, Nibby, Tibbie
Issa, Dora

I - Male

Ignatius
Isaac
Isidore
Ira

Iggy, Nate, Natius
Ike, Zeke
Izzy
Ike

J - Female

Jane
Janet
Jacqueline
Jean/Jeanne
Jeanette
Jemima
Jennifer
Jessica
Joan
Joanna/Johannah
Josephine
Joyce
Juanita
Judith
Julia

Janie, Jean, Jennie, Jessie, Gincey
Jessie, Jennie, Jan
Jackie
Jane, Jeannie
Janet, Jean, Jessie, Nettie, Jan
Mima
Jennie, Jenny, Jen, Jenn
Jessie, Jess, Jessie, Jessy, Jessi
Nonie
Joan, Jody, Hannah
Jo, Joey, Josey, Josie, Fina
Jo, Joy
Nita, Nettie
Judy
Julie, Jill

J - Male

Jacob
Jacques
Jackson
James
Jasper
Jedediah

Jake, Jay
Jack
Jack
Jim, Jimmy, Jamie
Joshua, Josh
Jed, Dyer



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Jefferson
Jeremiah
John
Johnathan
Joseph
Joshua
Josiah
Judson
Julian/Julius/Julias

Jeff, Sonny
Jeremy, Jerry, Jereme
Jack, Johnny, Johnnie
John, Johnny, Nathan
Joey, Joe
Josh, Jos
Jos
Jud, Sonny
Jule

K - Female

Katherine
Keziah

Kathy, Kat, Katie, Katy, Kittie, Kit, Kitty
Kizza, Kizzie

K - Male

Kenneth
Kendall
Kendrick
Kent

Ken, Kenny
Ken
Ken
Ken

L - Female

Lavina/Lavinia
Lenora
Letitia
Lillian
Loretta
Lorraine
Louise
Louisa
Lucille
Lucinda
Lucretia
Luella
Lydia

Ina, Viney
Nora, Lee
Lettice, Lettie, Tish, Titia
Lil, Lilly, Lily, Lolly
Etta, Lorrie, Retta, Lou
Lorrie, Lorry, Raine, Rainey
Eliza, Lois, Lou
Eliza, Lois, Lou, Vicy, Luvisa, Luvicy
Lu, Cille, Lucy
Cindy, Lu, Lucy, Lou
Creasy, Lu, Lou
Ella, Lu, Lula
Lidia, Lyddy

L - Male

Lamont
Lawrence
Lemuel

Monty
Larry, Lorne, Lorry, Lon
Lem



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Leonard	Leon, Len, Leo, Lenny
Leopold	Leo
LeRoy	Roy, Lee
Leslie	Les
Lester	Les
Levi	Lee
Lincoln	Link
Littleberry	Berry, Little, L.B.
Louis	Lou, Louie,
Lucas/Ludwig	Luke
Luther	Luke
Lyndon	Lindy, Lynn

M - Female

Madeline	Lena, Maddie, Madge, Magda, Maggie, Maud
Magdalena	Lena, Maggie, Peggy
Malinda	Linda, Lindy, Mel, Mindy
Matilda	Tilly, Matty, Maud
Margaret/Margaretta	Daisy, Gretta, Madge, Maggie, Meg, Midge, Peg, Peggy, Margery, Marge, Meta
Marrietta	Mary, Etta, Marry Etta
Martha	Marty, Mat, Mattie, Patsy, Patty
Mary	Mae, Mitzi, Molly, Polly, Mamie, Mattie
Medora	Dora
Melissa	Lisa, Mel, Missy, Milly
Michelle	Shelly, Shel, Mickey
Mildred	Milly
Millicent	Milly, Missy
Minerva	Minnie, Nerva
Miranda	Mandy, Mira, Randy
Miriam	Mitzi, Mimi
Muriel	Mur

M - Male

Marcus	Mark
Marmaduke	Duke
Martin	Marty
Matthew/Matthias	Matt, Thias, Thys
Maurice	Morey
Maxwell	Max



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Mervyn/Marvin
Michael
Mitchell
Montgomery
Morton
Mortimer
Moses

Merv, Marv
ickey, Mike
Mitch
Monty, Gum
Mort, Morty
Mort, Morty
Moze, Mos

N - Female

Nancy
Natalie
Nicole

Nannie, Nan
Nettie, Natty
Nikky, Nicky

N - Male

Napoleon
Nathan
Nathaniel
Nicholas
Norbert
Norman

Nappy, Leon, Nap
Nate
Nate, Nat, Natty, Than, Nathan
Claas, Nick
Bert, Norby
Norm

O - Female

Olivia
Orphelia
Ophelia

Liv, Olly, Nolly
Phelia
O, Phelia

O - Male

Obadiah
Oliver
Orlando
Oswald

Diah, Dyer, Obie, Obed
Ollie
Lanny, Orland
Ozzy, Waldo

P - Female

Pamela
Patience
Patricia
Paula
Paulina
Penelope

Pam, Mel
Pat, Patty
Pat, Patty, Patsy, Tricia
Polly
Polly, Lina
Nappy, Penny



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Philena
Priscilla
Prudence

Lena, Philly
Cilla, Prissy, Cissy
Prudy, Prue

P - Male

Patrick
Percival
Philetus
Philip
Prescott

Paddy, Pat, Patsy, Peter
Percy
Phil, Leet
Phil
Scott, Scotty, Pres

R - Female

Rachel
Rebecca
Rafaella/Ralphaella
Regina
Relief
Rhoda
Rhoana
Rhodesia
Roberta
Rosabel/Rosabella
Rosalyn/Rosalinda
Roseann/Roseanna
Rose
Rosemary
Rosetta
Rowena
Roxanne/Roxanna

Shelly
Reba, Becca, Becky
Raffi, Raffa
Reggie, Gina
Leafa
Ro
Ro, Ana
Dicey, Roddie, Roddy
Bobbie, Robbie, Bert
Belle, Rosa, Rose, Roz
Rosa, Rose, Linda, Roz
Rose, Ann, Roz, Rosie
Rosie
Rosie, Rose
Rose, Rosie
Ro
Ann, Rose, Roxie

R - Male

Raphael
Randall
Randolph
Raymond
Reginald
Reuben
Richard
Robert

Ralph, Rafe
Ran, Randy
Randy, Dolph
Ray
Reg, Reggie, Naldo, Renny
Rube
Dick, Dickon, Rich, Rick, Ricky
Bob, Dob, Dobbin, Hob, Hobkin, Rob, Robby, Bobby,
Robin, Rupert

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Roderick	Rodger, Roge, Rick, Ricky
Rodrigo	Rod
Rodney	Rod
Roger/Rodger	Roge, Hodge, Rod, Rog
Roland	Lanny, Rollo, Rolly
Ronald	Ron, Ronny, Naldo
Rudolph/Rudolpho/Rudolphus	Dolph, Olph, Rolf, Rudy
Rupert	Rupe
Russell	Russ, Rusty

S - Female

Sabrina	Brina
Sally	Sarah, Sadie
Sandra	Sandy
Sarah	Sally, Sadie, Sal
Selina (Celina)	Lena
Serena	Rena
Shirley	Lee, Sherry, Shirl
Silvia	Silvie, Sil, CeCe
Submit	Mitty
Susan/Susannah/Suzanna /Suzanne	Sue, Sukey, Sukie, Susie, Hannah

25	104117 R 35 N	Nochren	Mollan	Head	1	M	W	46	14	16	8	New York	Same Place
26			Mollan	Wife	1	F	W	47	14	16	8	New York	Same Place
27			Mollan	Son	2	M	W	21	5	16	14	New York	Same Place
28			Sheppara	Albert	Son in Law	1	M	W	27	14	16	New York	Same Place
29	104118 R 33 N	Mollan	Henry	Head	1	M	W	39	14	16	14	New York	Same Place

S - Male

Samuel	Sam, Sammy
Sebastian	Bass
Seymour	Morey, See
Shelton	Shelly, Shel, Tony
Sheridan	Dan, Danny, Sher
Sherman	Sher
Sidney	Sid, Syd
Silas	Sy
Simon/Simeon	Si, Sion



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Smith
Solomon
Stanley
Stephen/Steven
Stefan
Stewart
Sullivan
Sylvester

Smitty
Sal, Salmon, Saul, Sol, Solly, Zolly
Stan
Steve, Steph
Stef
Stew
Sully, Van
Si, Sly, Sy, Syl, Vester, Vet

T - Female

Tabitha
Talitha
Temperance
Theresa
Tryphena
Tullah

Tabby
Litha, Letha, Telia
Tempy
Terry, Tess, Tessie, Tessa, Thirza, Thursa, Tracy
Phena
Lula

T - Male

Terence
Thaddeus
Theobald
Theodore
Thomas
Thornton
Timothy
Tobias

Terry
Thad
Theo
Ted, Teddy, Theo
Tom, Thom, Tommy
Thorny
Tim, Timmy
Toby, Bias

U - Female

Ursula

Ursie, Ursl, Ursy, Uschi

U- Male

Ulysses
Uriah

Uly, U
Riah, Urie

V - Female

Valentine
Valerie
Vanessa
Veronica
Victoria

Felty, Tina, Val
Val
Nessa, Essa, Vanna
Franky, Frony, Ron, Ronnie, Ronna, Vonnie
Vicky, Vic



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Virginia	Ginger, Ginny, Jane, Jennie, Virgy
Virjean	Jean, Virgy
Vivian	Viv

V - Male

Vernon	Vern
Vincent/Vinson	Vince, Vin, Vinny

W - Female

Winifred	Winnie, Winnet, Freddie
Wilhelmina	Freddie, Minnie, Winnet, Winnie

W - Male

Wallace	Wally
Walter	Walt, Wally
Washington	Wash
Webster	Web
Wesley	Wes
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

Z - Male

Zachary/Zachariah	Zach, Zachy, Zeke
Zebedee	Zeb
Zebulon	Zeb
Zedediah	Zed, Diah, Dyer
Zephaniah	Zeph

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