

*It's not just about collecting data:
The Origin and Distribution of English Surnames*

- The Nature of One Name Studies:
 - collection
 - analysis
 - synthesis

- Discovering a surnames origin:
 - the traditional approach, surname dictionaries
 - strengths
 - shortcomings
 - A alternative approach
 - the English Surname survey
 - mapping surnames thru time
 - generalizations drawn from the English surname survey
 - illustrations: the Hardisty and Dangerfield surnames

- Locative Surnames:
 - problems identifying the origin of locative surnames
 - Anglo Saxon place names and surnames
 - Scandinavian place names and surnames
 - Cornish Place names and surnames

- Surnames from the landscape:
 - the Ancient Woodlands
 - woodland place names
 - Shaw place names and surnames
 - using environmental evidence, the Boxall surname

- Occupational surnames:
 - characteristics of occupational surnames

- Surnames from the agricultural landscape:
 - regional variations of agricultural surnames
 - the regions of *An Atlas of Rural Settlement*
 - occupational surnames of the Central Plain
 - surnames outside the Central Plain

- Surnames from the textile trades:
 - the distribution of the early textile industry
 - the impact of the fulling mill on surname distributions
 - a range of textile related surnames and their distribution

Recommended Reading....

The Surname Detective: Investigating Surname Distribution in England, 1086-Present Day, Colin D. Rodgers

A History of British Surnames Richard Mckinley

Family Names and Family History, David Hey

Surnames and Genealogy, a New Approach George Redmonds

Surnames, DNA & Family History, George Redmonds, Turi King, and David Hey

DNA and Social Networking: A Guide to Genealogy in the Twenty-First Century, Debbie Kennett

The Surnames Handbook: A Guide to Family Name Research in the 21st Century, Debbie Kennett and Derek A. Palgrave

Research Your Surname and Your Family Tree, Dr Graham Davis

Tracing Your [English] Ancestors from 1066 to 1837 Dr Jonathan Oates ([Review](#))

Medieval Genealogy: How to Find Your Medieval Ancestors Paul Chambers

DNA and Family History: How Genetic Testing Can Advance Your Genealogical Research, Chris Pomeroy

The Advantages of a Dual DNA/Documentary Approach to Reconstruct the Family Trees of a Surname Chris Pomeroy

Getting the Most from a surname Study: Semantics, DNA and computer modeling Dr John S Plant and Prof Richard E Plant

Distribution and persistence of Surnames in a Yorkshire Dale 1500 -1750 Maurice Turner

Homes of family names in Great Britain H B Guppy

Region and Place: a study of English Rural Settlement

Beresford's Lost Villages