

# An Introduction to One-Name (Surname) Studies WORKSHEET

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## Your Family Surnames (1 to 3 generations)

Paternal Grandfather	Paternal Grandmother	Maternal Grandfather	Maternal Grandmother

### Choosing a Surname

- (1) Is the surname already being studied?
- (2) Are there barriers to studying the surname?
- (3) Are there any Goldilocks issues?
- (4) How much work is involved with the surname research and/or one-name study?

### Some Preliminary Questions

- Where did my Surname start? (Origin)
- What type of Surname is it? (Meaning)
- What is the Primary Surname?
- Am I Interested in any Variant Surnames?
- Should I note any Deviant Surnames?
- What is the Frequency of my Surname?
- Where has my Surname traveled? (Migration)
- Where is my Surname found today?

### One-Name Studies Websites - To Check Out

[www.cruwys.blogspot.com](http://www.cruwys.blogspot.com)  
[www.cumberbatch.org](http://www.cumberbatch.org)  
[fitz-henry.blogspot.com](http://fitz-henry.blogspot.com)  
[www.howesfamilies.com](http://www.howesfamilies.com)  
[www.orlando-ons.co.uk](http://www.orlando-ons.co.uk)

### Questions - please contact us at

[guild@one-name.org](mailto:guild@one-name.org)

We are on Facebook, Google+, Twitter & YouTube

### Resources - To Get Started

[www.ancestry.com/learn/facts](http://www.ancestry.com/learn/facts) (fast facts about surnames)

[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) (wiki, state research guides, video tutorials, records & indexes from around the world AND [rootsweb.com](http://rootsweb.com) - surname listings)

[www.americanlist.names.com](http://www.americanlist.names.com) (fast facts about surnames)

[www.americansurnames.us](http://www.americansurnames.us) (meaning, origin, and history of surnames)

[www.archersoftware.co.uk](http://www.archersoftware.co.uk) (Nomindex - surname variants, Surname Atlas - mapping surnames using UK census data)

[www.britishsurnames.co.uk](http://www.britishsurnames.co.uk) (meaning, origin, and history of surnames)

[www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) (statistical analysis of surname ranking & frequency in the USA using census data)

[www.earth.google.com](http://www.earth.google.com) (mapping surnames & migration)

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) (wiki covering location and surname research, video tutorials, and records & indexes from around the world)

[www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com) (search for grave entries by surname)

[www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com) (records and indexes from many parts of the world)

[www.freebmd.org.uk](http://www.freebmd.org.uk) (a great start to gather UK vital statistics)

[www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com) (obituaries search in USA by surname)

[www.maps.google.com](http://www.maps.google.com) (tutorials and mapping)

[www.mooseroots.com](http://www.mooseroots.com) (meaning, frequency and data about surnames)

[www.namethesaurus.com](http://www.namethesaurus.com) (meaning, origin and surname data)

[www.one-name.org](http://www.one-name.org) (methodology, registered surnames, member profiles, wiki, ongoing and archived research)

[www.pharostutors.com](http://www.pharostutors.com) (courses on family history topics including one-name studies)

[www.surnameorigins.ca](http://www.surnameorigins.ca) (meaning and origin of surnames)

[www.surnamestudies.org.uk](http://www.surnamestudies.org.uk) (data and methodology used with surname studies)

[www.wikipedia.org/wiki](http://www.wikipedia.org/wiki) (topic research - surnames, one-name study, surnames, and locations)

[worldnames.publicprofiler.org](http://worldnames.publicprofiler.org) (meaning, origin, mapping surnames)

**The Surnames Handbook by Debbie Kennett (2012)**

**Guild of One-Name Studies on YouTube** (video presentations and links to member videos on DNA studies, methodology and record sets)

**History of Surnames on YouTube** (published by GensVideoWebChannel)

**Family Atlas and Map My Family Tree** (genealogy mapping software that is useful with migration and distribution patterns)