

## **A Year in Surnames – A Blog Series from September 2020 – August 2021**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	Write about the surnames of your Grandparents	5 September 2020
2	Write about a surname beginning with the letter A	12 September 2020
3	Write about a surname you find curious	19 September 2020
4	Write about someone in your family history who could not write and therefore signed their name with a X	26 September 2020
5	Write about a family surname that appears twice (or more) in your family history	3 October 2020
6	Write about a surname beginning with the letter B	10 October 2020
7	Write about a surname in your family history that appears to have more than one spelling	17 October 2020
8	Write about a surname that you find interesting, but it is not in your family history	24 October 2020
9	Write about a surname beginning with the letter H	31 October 2020
10	Write about a surname beginning with the letter P	7 November 2020
11	Write about a surname that is also the name of a place	14 November 2020
12	Write about a surname beginning with the letter F	21 November 2020
13	Write about a surname that is also an occupation	28 November 2020
14	Write about a surname beginning with the letter D	5 December 2020
15	Write about a surname that is concentrated to a specific geographic area	12 December 2020
16	Write about a surname linked to the festive season	19 December 2020
17	Write about a surname beginning with the letter N	26 December 2020
18	Write about a surname that has its origins as a nickname	2 January 2021
19	Write about a surname beginning with the letter O	9 January 2021
20	Write about a surname that is registered with the Guild of One-Name Studies ( <a href="https://one-name.org">https://one-name.org</a> ) by someone else	16 January 2021
21	Write about a surname that has German origins	23 January 2021
22	Write about a surname beginning with the letter G	30 January 2021
23	Write about a surname linked to your family history through an adoption (either formal or informal), deed poll, foundling etc.	6 February 2021
24	Write about a surname beginning with the letter L	13 February 2021
25	Write about a surname linked to South America	20 February 2021
26	Write about a surname beginning with the letter S	27 February 2021
27	Write about a surname that has Italian origins	6 March 2021
28	Write about a surname beginning with the letter W	13 March 2021
29	Write about a surname that is the same as a heritage site, river, building etc.	20 March 2021
30	Write about a surname that is of Huguenot origin	27 March 2021
31	Write about a surname beginning with the letter C	3 April 2021
32	Write about a surname that is of Irish origins	10 April 2021
33	Write about a surname beginning with the letter E	17 April 2021
34	Write about a surname in your family that migrated from one country to another	24 April 2021
35	Write about a surname beginning with the letter J	1 May 2021
36	Write about the surname of your favourite author	8 May 2021
37	Write about a surname that is the name of a colour	15 May 2021
38	Write about a surname beginning with the letter U	22 May 2021
39	Write about a surname beginning with the letter K	29 May 2021
40	Write about a surname that you wish you had	5 June 2021
41	Write about a surname beginning with the letter R	12 June 2021

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42	Write about a surname beginning with the letter Z	19 June 2021
43	Write about a surname beginning with the letter Q	26 June 2021
44	Write about a surname beginning with the letter T	3 July 2021
45	Write about a surname that is of Patronymic origin	10 July 2021
46	Write about a surname beginning with the letter I	17 July 2021
47	Write about a surname that is associated with a Tartan	24 July 2021
48	Write about a surname beginning with the letter M	31 July 2021
49	Write about a surname beginning with the letter Y	7 August 2021
50	Write about a surname that is of Welsh origins	14 August 2021
51	Write about a surname beginning with the letter V	21 August 2021
52	Write about a surname that you have enjoyed exploring during A Year in Surnames	28 August 2021

This blogging series is an opportunity to be creative and to do some beginning research with surnames, or perhaps you have always wanted to research a surname, but not quite got around to it. Those of you who have taken the Introduction to One-Name Studies course will find various links in the early lessons. If you have not taken one of the classes, then perhaps consider it. The Advanced course in One-Name Studies is about writing about the surnames and projects associated with the surnames etc. You can find more details about the surname course below:

- **Introduction to One-Name Studies (901)**  
<https://www.pharostutors.com/details.php?coursenumber=901>
- **Practicalities of a One-Name Study (903)**  
<https://www.pharostutors.com/details.php?coursenumber=903>
- **Advanced One-Name Studies (902)**  
<https://www.pharostutors.com/details.php?coursenumber=902>

The courses are listed in order of how they should be taken, each building on from the previous learning. The two that could be taken in the reverse order are 901 and 903, because it looks at the practical aspects of building and develop a study.

You will also find a huge amount of information on my own site, **Anglers Rest**, the URL is <https://anglersrest.net/surname-research/>

The blog posts should be online on the dates indicated, but that is by no means set in stone, work through the prompts at your pace, write as much as you want, draw from your own genealogical research and incorporate at least the basics of **WHY, WHEN, WHERE, WHO, WHAT, WHERE & HOW**

You will notice that the posts relating to letters of the alphabet are spread across the year and in between those posts there are other general surname writing opportunities. Some might not be relevant to you in which case you might choose to explore a general post or perhaps be rather lateral in your thinking, whatever you choose to do is fine, if you don't have time for all the posts then that is fine too. My aim is to inspire and encourage you to look a bit deeper at the surnames in your family history and for you to enjoy it.

The hashtag across social media is #AYearInSurnames.

Enjoy!