

Backyard History Project

Names: The idea that everyone in the same family had the same surname was a later development. (Middle Ages)

Surnames began by: who your father was:

MacAndrew
Robertson
Stevens
O'Reilly
Pavlovitch
Rodriguez

Or physical features and reputation:

Youngman
Black
Armstrong
Good
Moody
Newman

Where you lived:

Green
Wells
Atwater
Underwood

Year or seasonal:

Summer
Winter
Valentine
(Saint) Martin, Martini, Martinez

Occupation:

Miller Baker Farmer
Smith Plowman Archer

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Fold the paper in half (like a hot dog bun)
2. Number it one through fourteen on each side of the paper
3. Answer the questions to the best of your knowledge. (When you are done make sure to get your paper stamped.)
4. On the other side of the paper have your parents correct or add the right answer.

This exercise is to get you and your family talking about your family history.

A TEST!!!!

What is your father's full name?

Where was he born? Town, state, country.

What is his birthday? (Month and day only)

What is your mother's full name? Maiden?

Where was she born?

What is her birthday?

What are the names of your grandparents?

Where were your grandparents born?

What year were they born?

What are/were your grandparents occupations?

What countries did your parents' family originate?

What was the first place they settled?

Does your family have any soldiers? (Past and present)

Is there anyone famous or infamous from your family?

