

# Manningtree Surnames 30.11.16

## Place Names

<b>Attwood</b>	dweller by the wood Anglo-Saxon <i>atte wudu</i>
<b>Bohannan</b>	Scottish variation of pronouncing Buchanan, Stirlingshire
<b>Breckles</b>	from Breckles in Norfolk
<b>Brooks</b>	A-S place name <i>broc</i> – dweller by the brook widow or son of
<b>Cunningham</b>	place in Ayrshire
<b>D’Vere</b>	variation of de Vere - from Ver - a place in Normandy came with Willm the Conqueror & granted large areas of land
<b>Gainsborough</b>	place in Lincs
<b>Lay</b>	variation of <i>lea</i> dweller by the clearing A-S <i>leah</i>
<b>Lulham</b>	from a lost village of that name
<b>Rigby</b>	From Rigby in Lancs ON for fort on the ridge <i>hryggr byr</i>
<b>Rule</b>	Anglo Scottish name – from the lands of Rule in Hobkirk, Roxburghshire – So called because of the River Rule, from the ancient Strathclyde Welsh name <i>rhull</i> for rushing Strathclyde Welsh was a Brythonic language in present day Scotland similar to Cornish and Welsh

## Trades

<b>Boutell</b>	1205AD N-F variation of <i>bulteel</i> - <i>buletel</i> meal sieve main influx in 1634AD in a wave Huguenots
<b>Bowyer</b>	A-S a bow maker or trader <i>boga</i> (bow)
<b>Constable</b>	N-F <i>conestable</i> chief officer of the stable or household

<b>Fletcher</b>	N-F <i>flecher</i> arrow maker
<b>Gaunt</b>	N-F <i>gaunt</i> for glove maker / seller
<b>Marner</b>	N-F <i>marinier</i> for sailor
<b>Mercer</b>	N-F <i>mercier</i> for merchant
<b>Pettican</b>	Huguenot Old French <i>petit canne</i> little milk churn a maker or seller of these vessels Essex surname 1881 map Essex only predominantly north Essex
<b>Shearmur</b>	Huguenot Old French <i>scherer</i> cloth finisher - a tailor <i>sher</i> scissors plus <i>er</i> or <i>man</i> first recorded in London 1726 James Sheamur
<b>Sizer</b>	ME <i>sysour</i> assizer member of the assize sworn juror
<b>Smythe</b>	Anglo-Saxon blacksmith
<b>Spencer</b>	N-F <i>despencier</i> buyer and dispenser of food

## Nicknames

<b>Everard</b>	A-S <i>eofor heard</i> boar hard warrior name
<b>Finch</b>	sometimes with two lower case ffinch nickname chirpy or someone who sings A-S <i>finc</i>
<b>Gooding</b>	A-S <i>goding</i> good child
<b>Hiron</b>	Anglicised Irish name <i>Hearain</i> . Gaelic for fear, dread
<b>Nichols</b>	Greek name adopted by Normans - means conqueror
<b>Nunn</b>	A-S female like a nun male meek and demure
<b>Raymond</b>	Norman-Viking <i>ragin</i> counsel and <i>mund</i> protector

**Scurrrell** N-F *esquerel* first recorded 1275 - Suffolk - variation of squirrel  
1881 distribution map shows N. Essex and Stour Valley

## Sons and Family of

**Atkinson** son of Adkin - family of Adam – double diminutive

**Bennett** N-F - little Ben

**McLean** Gaelic *Mac Gille Eoin* son of the servant of St John

**Mollatt** offspring of Moll (Mary)

**O'Neal** Irish Viking - *Njalls* grandson – *njall* means black hair or swarthy complexion

**Pattison** variation of Pattinson son of *Paton* Patrick

**Russell** N-F for the son of the red haired one *rous el*

## Either / Or

**Blackmore** Either from Blackmore Blackmoor many places  
or *blæc mor* like a swarthy Moor

**D'Ath** Either nickname Death from medieval plays  
or *de Ath* - from Ath a place in Belgium  
or A-S *dýð* fuel or tinder maker or seller

**Flurrie** Either variation of Fleury N-F from *Fleury* in Normandy  
or Woman's name from *Flox* meaning flower

**Gant** Either ME for tall slender and angular  
or N-F *gaunt* for glove maker / seller  
or from Ghent – Flemish weavers

<b>Garnett</b>	Either	N-F <i>guarin ot</i> or <i>warin ot</i>	meaning little warrior
	or	N-F <i>garnetier</i>	superintendent of the granary
	or	Norman-Viking <i>gornette</i>	maker of garnetts (T-hinges)
<b>Norman</b>	Either	A-S <i>norðmann</i>	from the north normally a Viking
	or	N-F <i>nordman</i>	from Normandy
<b>Redman</b>	Either	A-S <i>reed man</i>	cutter of reeds or a thatcher
	or		nickname for ruddy or red complexion
<b>Reeve</b>	Either	A-S <i>réfa</i>	sergeant a county sergeant
	or	A-S	for dweller at the border
<b>Tice</b>	Either	A-S nickname <i>ticcen</i>	kid goat
	or		from Theiss abbreviation of Mathiess
<b>Warner</b>	Either	Norman-Viking <i>warin</i>	guard <i>heri</i> warrior
	or	N-F <i>warrene</i>	piece of land for breeding game (not just rabbits)
<b>Whitman</b>	Either	A-S <i>hwit mann</i>	white man white hair or pale face
	or		the servant of a man called <i>Hwit</i>

**Note :-**

A-S Anglo-Saxon (Old English)  
ME Middle English  
N-F Norman-French

