



RICH AND DEEP ORIGINS OF SURNAMES

1 Toponymic/Geographical

The last name given after the native habitat of the bearer or an element associated with their place of origin.



2 Occupational

Name representing the ancestors' original occupation or the work their forefathers did for their livelihood.

3 Matronymic/Patronymic

The name given after their female or male ancestors, respectively. These may be the exact names of their parents or could mean "son of" or "daughter of," whoever the name suggests.



4 Clan surnames

Last name that represents the bearers tribe or clan and is shared across that particular community within their culture.

5 Nickname-inspired surnames

Family nicknames that may be given after their place of origin or ancestor and came to be known as the bearer's family's official surname.

