

Footnotes 1 & 2

The following sources are the most reliable and widely-used for referencing and researching surnames in British History and those of British descent who migrated to America. In many cases some sources may only be used for specific names and not all sources are, at one time, referred to, and the sources used are based upon the information necessary and accessible from what is known regarding the subjects at hand.

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MEDIEVAL ROLLS

Subsidy Rolls: taxation records from the 12th to the 17th centuries.

Assize Rolls: records from court sessions **Pipe Rolls:** rolls of the Exchequer of accounts of the royal income, arranged by county, for each financial year. Many 12th and 13th century documents have been published with indexes by the Pipe Roll Society.

Calendarium Inquisitionum Post Mortem: Feudal inquiries, undertaken after the death of a feudal tenant in chief to establish what lands were held and who should succeed to them. Records exist from around 1240-1660.

Roll of Battle Abbey: a list of the principal Norman Knights said to have accompanied William across the English Channel. Original roll was lost.

Curia Regis Rolls (Rotuli Curiae Regis): Rolls and Records of the Court held before the king's Justices. Various translations and published, London 1835), **Feet of Fines:** Legal agreements, usually about property ownership

Register of the Freemen of York: list of freemen from 13th-18th century, published by the Surtees Society, Francis Collins (editor) in 1897. Charters: documents recording grants, usually of land recorded by the Chancery

Historia Regum Britanniae (“The History of the Kings of Britain”): a legendary account of British history, accredited to Geoffrey of Monmouth in around 1136.

Heralds’ visitations: 16th-17th century, county by county visits to regulate the use of arms; many published by the Harleian Society. Hundred Rolls (Rotuli Hundredorum): various royal inquests, documents were held in the tower of London. Much was published in 1818 Ragman Rolls: rolls of deeds on parchment in which the Scottish nobility and gentry subscribed allegiance to Edward I. of England, A. D. 1296.

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