shire name, of Meaux in that county. So also Doubt, Doubting are found in Somerset with Dowd, Dowding, these probably from David. In Bucks Coughtrey is found side by side with Cowdery (p. 306), while in Lincolnshire Cushion occurs as a variant of Cushing. Names that have wandered far from their homes can often be traced back thither through a series of forms. To those mentioned on p. 88 may be added Counterpatch, a London version of Comberbach (Chesh.), of which Cumberpatch is an intermediate form, Kingrose for Kinross, and Roseworm for the much prettier Cornish Rosewarne.

Names of baptismal origin get perverted if unfamiliar. Williams does not change, but Paton, no longer recognized as a dim. of Patrick, is altered to Patten, Pattern, Patent. Any form, whatever absurdity it suggests, is preferred to the unintelligible. Thus Mahood, from Maheut, the Old French form of Matilda, sometimes becomes Mawhood, and Dawtrey, i.e. de Hauterive. is spelt Daughtery. Liptrapp is a perversion of Liptrott. an early German immigrant, Liebetraut, "Dearlove," probably a Huguenot name. Loyal and Royal are doubtful. Though quite possible nicknames, they are perhaps rather for Lyle, Ryle, or Lyall, Ryall. The first two are local and the second two baptismal. though they have of course been confused. Lyall is for Lyulph, representing an Old Danish Lithwulf [Liolf f. Liolf, Fine R.], and Ryall is for Riulf [Henry f. Riolf. Lib. R.J. AS. Ricwulf.

One result of imitative spelling is that we find many names suggesting adverbs, conjunctions and interjections, or even parts of verbs. These are generally pretty simple, e.g. While is for Wile (see p. 83).