

Surnames.

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AITKEN, Atkin, Aikens or Atkins, son of Adam.
Aikenside, at the side of the oak trees.

Alley, at the alley or narrow lane.

Archibald, son of Archibald or the extremely bold man.

Ball, son of Baldwin, the bald, or at the ball, that is, at the ball used as a sign. Thus, then, John Ball means John the son of Baldwin, John the bald, or John who lives at the ball. As a general rule, Ball means the son of Baldwin.

Balderston, of Balderston, or Balder's ton or enclosure.

Barth, Bartlett, Bartley, Batts and Bates, son of Bartholomew.

Bell, son of Bell or Isabel, the handsome, or at the bell, the inn sign. William Bell of Blacket-House, Annandale, was the most important man of the name in Scotland in 1404.

Blake, the black or swarthy.

Calvert, the calf-herd.

Chaufin, Caffin, or Coffin, the bald.

Copeland, of Copeland or the land at the top of the hill.

Cotton, of Cotton or Cotun, at the cots or at the enclosure.

Coles, son of Cole, a shortened form of Nicholas.

Dick, Dicks, Dix, Dixon, Dickson, son of Dick.

Dobb, Dobbs, Dobbin, son of Robert.

Dodd, son of Dod or Dodde, an old Saxon personal name.

Douce or Douse, son of Douce or the sweet girl.

Dow, Daw, Dawson, the son of David.

Dunn, the dun or dull brown.