



England and Wales Naming Conventions



England and Wales did not have strong naming conventions but if used they followed the following patterns:

Male Children

- The eldest son would be named after his paternal grandfather
- The second son would be named after his maternal grandfather
- The third son would be named after his father
- The fourth son would be named after the father's eldest brother

Female Children

- The family's first daughter was named after her mother's mother,
- The second daughter was named after the father's mother,
- The third daughter of the family was named after her mother.
- The fourth daughter was usually named after the mother's eldest sister.

However, like other countries there were other traditions too, that could override the above conventions.

These could include:

- Being named after powerful people,
- Being named after another significant family member,
- Being named after earlier siblings who had died in infancy,
- Using biblical names.