

Data-Set on English Compass-Point Surnames

This is the data-set from which the analysis for the paper on "Compass points in English surnames" (C.K. Starr 2007, *Names* 55:343-348) is drawn. It is arranged in sets, alphabetically according to suffix. After each suffix, its most common meaning in this context is given. Where there are two common meanings, these are separated by a semicolon.

The main data column is the first, the name's frequency in PhoneDisc USA. I have included some names that did not appear in PhoneDisc in order to show that they are taken into account.

The second data column is frequency reported in Hanks's (2003) *Dictionary of American Family Names*, estimated at one-third of the national total. Hanks omitted figures for all frequencies below 100 and evidently did not treat all names whose frequency would have been above 100.

The third data column is the name's rank in the 1990 national census, from most to least common. In this, the 88,799 most common surnames are listed.

As expected, there is a very strong positive correlation between data columns 1 and 2, and a very strong negative correlation between each of these and column 3.

	PDisc	Hanks	Census
[no suffix] -- living to side of settlement; direction of origin (internal migration)			
East	3533	4451	2620
Eastes	177	237	30484
Este			
Estes	10724	13648	707
Estess	124	158	73155
Esty	140	305	85369
North	6302	7504	1797
South	3134	3919	2723
West	53842	67177	109

-augh, -oe, -ow -- enclosure

Eastaugh

Easto

Eastoe

Estaugh

Northoe

Northow

Westow

-brock -- enclosure

Wesbrock

3

Westbrock

-brook -- brook

Eastabrook	25		
Eastbrook	2		
Easterbrook	292	262	64361
Estabrook	842	1016	7540
Estabrooks	157	194	30485
Esterbrook	106	107	57386
Esterbrooks	6		
Norbrook			
Northbrook	1		
Southbrook			
Sudbrook	15		
Wesbrook	71		
Wesbrooks	2		
Westbrook	5673	6872	1811
Westbrooke	40		66530
Westbrooks	468	616	7111
-burn -- stream			
Eastburn	535	611	19213
Norbron			
Norburn	3		
-bury -- fortress, town			
Eastbury	2		
Norbury	177	229	33160
Sudbury	169	181	29586
Sudberry	61	162	53963
Wesbury	3		
Westbury	285	329	16675
-by -- settlement			
Easby			
Eastby	4		
Easterby			
Esterby	15		
Norby	746	971	14524
Nordaby			
Northby	4		
Sotheby			
Southby	7		
Suddaby	45		
Sutherby	118	118	
Suttaby			
Sutterby			
Wesby	82	115	36518
Westaby	52		

Westby	823	855	21139
Westerby			
Westoby	25		
-church -- church			
Eastchurch			
-cliff, -cliffe -- cliff			
Norcliffe	9		
Norclyffe			
Nortcliff			
Northcliff	2		
Northcliffe	3		
Sutcliff	39		77475
Sutcliffe	799	988	15979
Sutliff	632	804	16323
Westcliff			
Westcliffe			
-comb(e) -- valley; field			
Norcombe			
Northcombe			
Southcomb			
Southcombe			
Wescomb			
Wescombe			
Westcombe			
-cott/-cutt -- cottage			
Eastcott	17		
Eastcourt			
Escott	284	362	29044
Estcourt			
Norcott	116	134	61535
Norcutt	119	150	
Norket	8		
Norkett	5		
Norkutt			
Northcote	55		61527
Northcott	344	401	22768
Northcotts	1		
Northcutt	1940	2359	5392
Sothcott	4		
Southcote	2		
Southcott	78		39175
Wescoat	175		

Wescot	2		
Wescott	1259		6052
Weskett			
Westacott	49		
Westcoate			
Westcot	46		
Westcote	2		76220
Westcott	1979	2280	5427
Westmacott	35		

-craft, -croft -- field or small enclosure

Norcroft			
Northcraft	125	217	61526
Northcroft	1		

-cross -- crossroads

Norcross	1006	1200	10586
Northcross	20		55220

-dale, -dell -- dale

Easdale
Suddell
Sudell
Westdale
Westerdale

-end -- end of village

Northend

-ern -- living to side of settlement; direction of origin (internal migration)

Easter	2831	3805	2712
Eastern	32		
Eastin	641	711	13304
Esten	37		
Estern	6		
Esters	290		12642
Northen	137	144	
Northern	678	989	6207
Southan	9		
Sothen	40		77893
Sothern	10		
Sotheron			
Southen			
Southeran			
Southern	1654	2684	3817
Southeron			

Southon	17		
Southern	55		
Southren	2		
Sudran	3		
Sudron	2		
Sutherin	88		
Suthern	5		
Westen	145		53433
Wester	1953		4210
Western	542	943	8423
Westren	8		

-ey -- enclosure

Easey			
Easties	1		
Easty	12		
Easy			
Estey	560	760	14075
Esty	190		
Norey			
Norie	32		
Norrie	166		
Norry			
Northey	380	419	29897
Northy	11		
Southee	17		
Southey	41		
Weste			
Westie	14		
Westy	1		

-field -- field

Eastfield			
Norfield	1		
Northfield	46		
Southfield	9		
Westfield	309	373	11126

-fleet -- stream or estuary

Norfleet	967	1199	4149
Northfleet	1		

-ford -- ford

Easterford			
Northford	1		
Southford	1		

Westford	24		
-gate -- gate			
Eastgate	32		
Norgate			
Northgate	1		
Southgate	165	179	45347
Suggate	6		
Suggett	1		
Suggitt	63		
Wesgate			
Westgate	614	679	10141
-grove -- grove			
Norgrove	38		
Northgrove	2		
-hall -- hall or recess			
Eastall			
Eastell	3		
Estall			
Estell	533	15520	
Estill	407	518	14640
Norrall			
Northall	3		
Southall	846	1072	10558
Sudal	10		
Sudall	11		
Westal	1		
Westall	260	391	44905
Westell	45		
Westhall	5		
-ham -- homestead			
Eastham	674	880	16558
Norem	63	260	55201
Norham			
Northam	463	567	23535
Northham	2		
Sotham	6		
Southam	164	219	49286
Westerham	20		
-hard -- (meaning uncertain)			
Northard	11		
Northart	21		

Sothard	29		
Southard	2822	3511	4121
Southart	1		
Southhard	29		
Suthard	89		
Westart	3		
-hill -- hill			
Easthill			
Esterhill	5		
Westhill	2		
-hope, -op -- valley; side of village			
Eastep	378	481	15205
Easthope	48		
Eastop			
Estep	3539	4504	2619
Estepp	262	334	11879
Northop			
Westhope			
Westop			
Westopp			
-house -- house			
Southouse			
Westhouse			76216
Westinghouse	10		
-lake -- streamlet			
Eastlack	72	103	
Eastlake	94		
Weslake	2		
Westlake	1006	1172	10544
-land -- land			
Eastland	345	455	13535
Norland	125	282	31426
Northland	20		
Southerland	2094	2749	3697
Southland	51		
Sutherland	8700	11072	1320
Wesland	2		
Westland	211	256	41659
-ley -- wood, clearing			
Easley	4108	5266	1766

Easly	160		47583
Easterley	3		
Easterly	737	907	12647
Eastley	53	12647	
Eastly	4		
Norley	56		61534
Norlie	36		
Northley	2		
Nortley	9		
Southerly	3	101	54116
Wesley	5170	6104	1476
Wesly	2		59180
Wessley	6		
Westerly			
Westle	7		
Westley	571	634	13609
Westly	49		41658

-man -- shelter; direction of origin (internal migration)

Easman			
Easterman	6		
Eastman	5247	6531	1661
Eastmond	89	114	29065
Esmond	216	275	30459
Northman	6		
Southman	2		
Wesman	35		
Westerman	691	2024	6778

-mead -- meadow

Eastmead
Westmead

-more -- moor

Eastmoor	1		
Eastmoore	6		
Normore	18		
Northmore	22		
Suthermore	1		
Westmore	55		

-over

Northover	45		55199
Southover			
Westover	1358	1817	6777

-rich, -ridge -- house; direction of origin (internal migration)

Eastridge	523	710	13072
Esteridge	2		
Estrich	42		
Estrick	5		
Estridge	448	531	23852
Norich	2		
Norick	66		
Norrick	69	122	33157
Norridge			
Norris	25691	31450	309
Norrish	92		
Northrich	45		
Northridge	52		
Surridge			
Westridge	2		

-rop, -rup -- village

Eastup	5		
Northrip			
Northrop	1261	1648	8543
Northrope			
Northrup	1931	2155	8034
Northrupp			
Northup	696	1071	11991
Norup	4		
Westrop	2		
Westrope	106	134	36512
Westropp			
Westrup	29	176	41656
Westup	11		

-side -- side of a village

Eastside	2		
Northside	2		
Westside	3		

-thorpe -- outlying farm

Easthorpe
Northhorpe
Westhorp
Westhorpe

-ton -- enclosure or settlement

Eastin			
Easton	3268	3856	3840

Esten	5	110	40802
Eston	43		
Norington	1		
Norrington	155	154	37251
Northington	568	690	11807
Norton	20036	24449	466
Sotherton			
Southerington	8		
Southerton	54		
Sutherton	1		
Sutton	25062	30717	283
Wesson	1532	5139	
Westerton			
Westington			
Weston	7415	8899	1279
-walk			
Norwalk	83		
-wall			
Northwall	12		
Southwall	1		
-ward, -worth -- enclosure; direction			
Eastworth	2		
Norward	4		
Norsworth	4		
Northard			
Norward			
Southward	378	409	20517
Southwart			
Southworth	1700	1970	6379
Westward			
Westworth	2		
-water -- water			
Eastwater			
Westwater	111	137	76213
Westwaters			
-way -- road			
Eastaway			
Eastway	2		
Northway	389	419	21358
Norway	62		55198
Southway	9		

Westaway			
Westway			
-well -- spring			
Eastwell			
Norwell	35		
Southwell	598	826	15658
Westwell	16		
-wich -- trade center			
Norwich	91	116	
-wick -- dairy farm			
Eastick			
Eastwick	51		
Estwick	56		
Norick			
Northwick	13		
Norwick	117	116	
Southwick	1185	1499	8692
Westwick	3		
-wind -- winding path			
Northwind	1		
Southwind	1		
Westwind	1		
-wood -- wood			
Easingwood			
Eastwood	1615	2011	6323
Esterwood	3		
Norrid	124		61599
Norrod	188	239	46085
Northwood	52		
Norwood	5485	7002	1262
Southernwood			
Southwood	261	336	14753
Sutherwood			
Westwood	602	725	24981
