

Roddy-Ruddy One-Name Study

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RESEARCH

This section of the one-name study presents the results of years of research that will continue as new records are made available and new sources discovered. It has grown a little too large to be restricted to one document and has been split up as follows:

Onomatology and Etymology – The Meaning of the Names

This section addresses the meanings of the Roddy and Ruddy surnames. Onomastics or onomatology is the study of the origin, history, and use of proper names. Etymology is the history of words, their origins, and how their form and meaning have changed over time. By an extension, the term "the etymology of [a word]" means the origin of the particular word. Toponymy is the study of place names (toponyms), their origins, meanings, use and typology.

Toponymy and Geographical Place Name Occurrences

This section deals with the study and classification of the Roddy and Ruddy place names (toponyms), their origins, meanings locations and uses.

Ancient Origins

This section addresses known and proposed origins of the surnames from the earliest recorded histories and manuscripts.

Earliest Historical Occurrences

This section identifies the earliest documented occurrences of the primary and secondary variants, in each geographic concentration that the families were found.

Heraldry and Commercial Reports

This section presents so-called heraldry reports, including those available through vendors and on heraldry web sites. Where copyright restrictions allow, the reports are repeated here with citations and links to the author or owner of the report. In some instances, the reports are available to the author, but are restricted from reproduction or retransmission in any form. In those cases, the reader is referred to the original location.

Notable or Famous Individuals

This section contains a number of brief biographies of notable or famous individuals bearing the Roddy or Ruddy surname. While it is not intended to be all inclusive, if the person has some kind of claim to fame or public notoriety, it is my intent to present their story here as an inspiration for those related family members to investigate more if they so desire. The author is very interested

in learning about other individuals that are not included in this section, and will include their biography as appropriate.

Historical Data

This section summarizes and tabulates the historical data researched for this study. While it is intended to make the raw data available separately in spreadsheet form, including names, dates, locations, etc., this section will only summarize the data. Summaries are sorted both by time frame and geographic location.

Living Member Data

In keeping with the stated objective of identifying *every* individual with the Roddy and Ruddy surname, an attempt has been made to discover living members and link them back to their past ancestors. Because of the sensitive nature of the information collected about these living individuals, and the risk of compromising private information and identity theft, their names will not be made public in this report. Living members who are interested in contributing their family histories are encouraged to contact the author directly by using the link provided on the contact section of this report, or the main web page where it is found online.