

# John



THE ORIGINS OF THE  
JOHN FAMILY  
AND THEIR PLACE  
IN HISTORY

The new  
England  
ranges  
launched  
2013 —  
what our  
customers  
say...

# Booth



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BOOTH FAMILY  
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“This was our great new line. Shop area is limited and we had to think carefully about giving space over to a spinner for the books and magnets. But we were not disappointed. Sales outstripped all our expectations. We are absolutely delighted with the high sell through of these products.”

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HOPKINS FAMILY

# Kennedy



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SMITH FAMILY  
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# Evans



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EVANS FAMILY  
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## Evans

**MOTTO:**  
Liberty.

**CREST:**  
A demi-lion rampant holding  
a boar's head between its paws.

**NAME variations include:**  
Evan  
Evince  
Evands  
Evanson  
Evens  
Evenson  
Evins

Evans

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Chapter one:

### Origins of Welsh surnames

by George Forbes and Iain Gray

*If you don't know where you came from, you won't know where you're going is a frequently quoted observation and one that has a particular resonance today when there has been a marked upsurge in interest in genealogy, with increasing numbers of people curious to trace their family roots.*

Main sources for genealogical research include census returns and official records of births, marriages and deaths – and the key to unlocking the detail they contain is obviously a family surname, one that has been 'inherited' and passed from generation to generation.

No matter our station in life, we all have a surname – but it was not until about the middle of the fourteenth century that the practice of being identified by a particular, or 'fixed', surname became commonly established throughout the British Isles.

Previous to this, it was normal for a person to be identified through the use of only a forename.

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The sons of

Chapter two:

### The sons of Evan

Of Welsh origin, 'Evans' derives from the forename 'John', popularised from earliest times in various forms throughout Christian Europe through reverence for the Biblical St John the Baptist and St John the Evangelist.

Derived from the Latin 'Johannes', it is also derived from the Hebrew 'Johonon', 'John' indicating 'God has favoured', while the Welsh form of 'John' stems from 'Ifan' or 'Ieuan'.

As a patronymic name, 'Evans' derives from 'ap Evan', or 'ab Evan' – indicating 'son of Evan' – the name Anglicised by dropping the 'ap' or 'ab' and adding 's' to denote 'son of'.

In common with many others found throughout the British Isles today, it was popularised as a surname in the wake of the Norman Conquest of 1066 – a pivotal event in the history of not only England but also of Wales, including in relation to the adoption of surnames.

This is reflected in the famous *Domesday Book*, a massive survey of much of England and Wales ordered by William the Conqueror to determine

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Exploration and science

Chapter three:

### Exploration and science

In the same mould as John Evans, who set off in search of 'Welsh' Indians, an impressive number of bearers of the Evans name have stamped their names on the historical record as intrepid explorers.

George Evans was the surveyor born in Wales in 1780 and who immigrated to Australia in 1802.

Appointed Surveyor General of New South Wales, he became an early explorer of the vast region of the Abercrombie and Belubula River Valleys and, in 1815, becoming the first colonial explorer to enter what is now the Lachlan River Valley; he died in 1852.

Born in 1912 in Greymouth, on the South Island of New Zealand, Henry James Evans was an exploration geologist who in 1955 discovered large deposits of the valuable mineral bauxite on the coast of Cape York Peninsula in Northern Queensland, Australia.

Also a recipient of the President's Medal of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy for his early oil and gas exploration in Australia, he died in 1990.

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On the world stage

Chapter four:

### On the world stage

The recipient of a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and voted a number of times one of the most beautiful women in America, Linda Evanstad is the actress better known as Linda Evans.

Of Norwegian roots through her father and born in 1942 in Hartford, Connecticut, she is best known for her role from 1981 to 1989 of Krystle Carrington in the television series *Dynasty*.

This was a role that won her an Emmy Award nomination in 1983 for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama.

Previously having starred from 1965 to 1969 in the television series *The Big Valley*, her other small screen credits include the *Rockford Files* and *Banacek*, while her big screen credits include the 1963 *Twilight of Honour* and, from 1980, *Tom Horn*.

An actor of stage, television and film, Clifford Evans was born in 1902 in Caerphilly, Wales.

His many film credits include the 1941 *Love on the Dole*, the 1942 *The Foreman Went to France* and, from 1970, *One Brief Summer*; before his death in 1985, he also had roles in television series that include *The*

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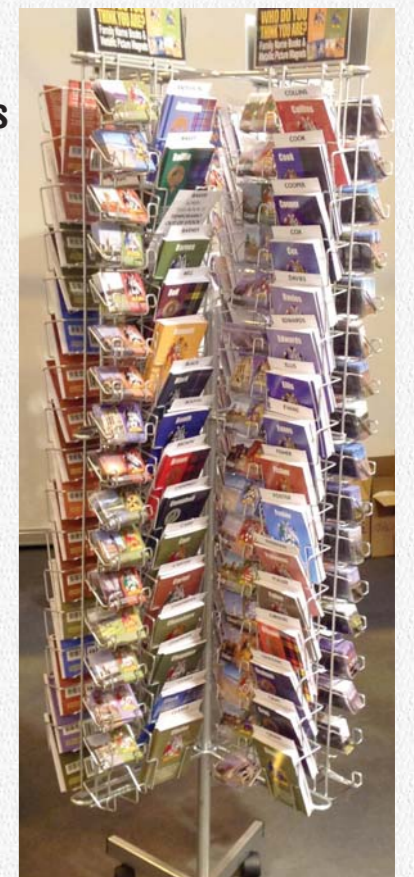
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