

**Martial**

*Marta* 'Lady'), borne by the sister of Lazarus and Mary (of Bethany).  
Vars.: Ger.: **Morthe, Merta**.  
Cogns.: It.: **Marte, Marti**. Port.: **Marta**.  
Dims.: Fr.: **Mart(h)on, Martot, MARTEL, Marthelot**.

**Martial** French: from a personal name (*L Martiālis*, originally a family name, apparently derived from that of the war god *Mars*; cf. **MARTIN**). This was borne by a minor 3rd-cent. saint, the first bishop of Limoges.  
Vars.: **Marsal, Marseau, Marsau**(l)t, **Marsaud**.  
Cogns.: Cat.: **Marsal**. Port.: **Marçal**.  
Dim.: Fr.: **Marsallon**.

**Martin** English, Scots, Irish, French, German, Czech, Flemish/Dutch, and Danish/Norwegian: from a personal name (*L Martinus*, a deriv. of *Mars*, gen. *Martis*, the Roman god of fertility and war, whose name may derive ultimately from a root *mar* gleam). This was borne by a famous 4th-cent. saint, Martin of Tours, and consequently became extremely popular throughout Europe in the Middle Ages. It is one of the few saints' names other than the names of OE saints found in England before the Conquest.

Vars.: Eng.: **Marten, Martyn**. Fr.: **Martine, Lamartine** (fem. forms). Flem., Du.: **Martijn, Martyn, Marten**.

Cogns.: It.: **Martini, Martino; Martina** (fem.). Prov.: **Marti, Marty**. Sp.: **Martin**. Cat.: **Martí**. Port.: **Martinho**. Low Ger.: **Mart(h)en; Mertin, Merten** (hypercorrected forms). Swed.: **MORTON**. Hung.: **Márton**.

Dims.: Fr.: **Martineau** (also common in Birmingham); **Martinet, Martinon, Martinot; Tinot** (an aphetic form). It.: **Martinello, Martinelli, Martinetto, Martinetti, Martinol(i), Martinotti, Martinuzzi**. Ger.: **Märtl, Mertel; Mörtel** (Bavaria); **Marti, Marty** (Switzerland). Low Ger.: **Mertgen; Tienke** (see also **AUSTIN**). Flem., Du.: **Meert**. Ger. (of Slav. origin): **Martsch(ke), Martschik, Mertsching**. Ukr.: **Martinyuk, Martinets**. Pol.: **Martynka, Marciak**. Czech: **Martínek; MAREK**.

Augs.: Fr.: **Martinat**. It.: **Marti(g)noni, Martignon**. Czech: **Martinec**. Pol.: **Marciniak**.

Patrs.: Eng.: **Martins, Martyns, Martens; Martinson**. Sc.: **McMartin**. It.: **De Martino, Di Martino, De Martini, (De) Martinis**. Sp.: **Martinez**. Port.: **Martins**. Ger.: **Martini** (Latinized). Low Ger.: **Martens(en), Me(h)rtens; Marti(e)n(s)sen** (N Rhineland). Flem., Du.: **Martens, Me(e)rtens**. Dan., Norw.: **Martin(us)sen, Mortensen**. Swed.: **Martinsson, Mårtensson**. Croatian: **Mart(inov)ić**. Pol.: **Marciniak; Marcinowicz, Martynowicz**. Ukr.: **Martinovich**. Russ.: **Martynov**. Lithuanian: **Martinaitis**. Hung.: **Mártonfi, Mártonf(y)**.

Patrs. (from dims.): Low Ger.: **Mertz; Tienken**. Russ.: **Martyshkin, Mart(y)ushev, Martusov, Martygin, Martyntsev, Martyanichev**. Beloruss.: **Martsinkevich**. Pol.: **Marcinkiewicz**. Lithuanian: **Marcinkus**. Finn.: **Martikainen**.

'Son of the wife of M.': Russ.: **Martynikhin**.

Habitation names: Pol.: **Marcinkowski, Marciszewski**. Czech: **Martinovský**.

*The Eng. surname Martin is first attested in the 12th cent. and is now among the 50 commonest surnames in all areas of the English-speaking world. Within England the name is concentrated most densely in Cornwall and Sussex.*

*Harriet Martineau (1802-76), the English writer, was the daughter of a Norwich manufacturer. She was directly descended from a family of French Huguenots who owned land around Poitou and Touraine in the 15th cent. They included a number of surgeons in the 17th cent. In the 19th cent. a branch of the family was firmly established in Birmingham.*

**Martindale** English: habitation name from a place in Cumb., first recorded in 1220 in its present form. There is a chapel of St Martin here, and the valley (see **DALE**) may

be named from this. Alternatively, there may have been a landowner here called *Martin*, and the church dedication may be due to popular association of his name with that of the saint.

**Martorell** Catalan: from a medieval given name of this form and uncertain origin, probably from LL *Martyrellus*, a dim. of *martyr* martyr (originally 'witness (to the faith)', from Gk *martyrein* to bear witness). There are also places in the provinces of Barcelona and Valencia so called from early proprietors, and in some cases the surname may be a habitation name from one of them.

**Marvel** English: 1. nickname for a person considered prodigious in some way, from ME, OF *merveille* miracle (*L mirabilia*, originally neut. pl. of the adj. *mirabilis* admirable, amazing). The nickname was no doubt sometimes given with mocking intent.

2. Norman habitation name, from places called *Merville*. The one in Nord is named from OF *مندره* smaller, lesser (*L minor*) + *ville* settlement; that in Calvados seems to have as its first element a Gmc personal name, probably in short form of a cpd name with the first element *mar* famous.

Var.: **Marvell**.

Cogns. (of 1): Fr.: **Merveille**. It.: **Meraviglia**.

*The English poet Andrew Marvell (1621-78) was born near Hull in the village of Winestead, where his father was rector. His ancestry can be traced back to 1279 in the area of Meldreth, Cambs.*

**Marwick** Scots: habitation name from a place in the Orkneys, so called from ON *marr* sea, lake, marsh (see **MARR**) + *vík* bay. The surname is also borne in the U.S. by Jews, as an Anglicized form of one or more Ashkenazic surnames.

**Marwood** English: 1. habitation name from a place so called, probably the one in Co. Durham, which Ekwall derives from OE *māra* greater, larger (cf. mod. Eng. *more*) + *wudu* WOOD.

2. Norman nickname for a person believed to have the power of casting the 'evil eye', from ONF *malreward*, a cpd of *mal* evil, bad + *reward* (OF *regard*) look.

**Mas** 1. Low German and Dutch: aphetic form of **THOMAS**.  
2. Provençal and Catalan: topographic name for someone who lived in an isolated dwelling in the country, rather than in a village, from OProv., Cat. *mas* farm(stead) (*LL mansum, mansus*).

Vars. (of 1): **Masius** (Latinized). (Of 2): Prov.: **Lemas; Duma(i)s, Duma(i)t, Dumès, Dumé(e), Dumeix, Dume(t)z, Dumay, Delmas; Aumas**. Cat.: **Delmàs**.

Cogn. (of 2): It.: **Massa**.

Dims. (of 2): Prov.: **Maset, Masot, Mazet, Dumazet, Mazel, Mazeau, Dumazel, Dumazeau, Mazin, Mazot**. Cat.: **Mas(s)ó** (see also **MASON**).

**Máša** Czech: from the given name *Máša*, a pet form of any given name beginning with *Ma-*, in particular *Matěj* (see **MATTHEW**), **MARTIN**, and *Mauritius* (see **MORRIS**). It may also be an aphetic form of *Tomáš* (see **THOMAS**).

Vars.: **Mašát, Mašata, Mašín**.

Dims.: **Mašek, Maška**.

**Masdeu** Catalan: habitation name from a farm named with the elements *mas* farm(stead) (see **MAS**) + *Deu* God (*L deus*); several places were so called in the Middle Ages as a pious invocation of God's blessing on the holding.

**Masefield** English: apparently a habitation name from an unidentified place, perhaps in the W Midlands, and

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**Munster** See Moynihan.

**Murchison, Murchie** A Scottish name. Woulfe gives *Mac Murchaidh* as the Irish form and relates it to Murphy. See MacMurphy.

**Murdoch** A Scottish name, numerous in Ulster, used occasionally as a synonym of Murtagh.

**Mac Murdy** A Co. Cavan variant of *Mac Muircheartaigh*; see MacBrearty. MacMordie is another spelling found in Ulster.

(O) **Murilly, Murhila, Murley** *Ó Murthuile*. This Co. Cork name has generally become Hurley, but Murhilla, etc. are still found in west Cork. IF

(Mac) **Murland** Woulfe gives *Mac Murghaláin* (*murghal*, sea valour). This is not the origin of Moreland, which is an English name of obvious derivation (dweller on the moorland). Both are associated with Co. Down.

(O) **Murnaghan** *Ó Muirneacháin* (*muirneach*, lovable). An Ulster name which is quite distinct from the Munster Murnane.

(O) **Murnane** *Ó Murnáin*. This Thomond name, now in Cork, is also anglicized Marrinane and Marnane. The mediaeval form Iwarrynane shows how it became Warren in some places. MIF

**Murney** An occasional synonym of Murnane. See Gilmore.

(Mac) **Murphy** *Mac Murchadha*. MacMurphy was formerly numerous in Armagh and Tyrone but the prefix Mac has been almost entirely dropped. This is probably the origin of the majority of the Murphys in Ulster. See next entry.

(O) **Murphy** *Ó Murchadha* (for derivation see Morchoe). Murphy is the most numerous name in Ireland and is that of three different septa as indicated in Map. The resumption of the prefixes O and Mac, which is a modern tendency with most Gaelic-Irish names, has not taken place in the case of Murphy. Bibl. IF Map Cork, Roscommon and Wexford.

**Murray, Murry** Apart from Scottish Murrays, we have *Ó Muireadh-aigh* formerly O'Murry of Uí Maine; *Mac Giolla Mhuire* (Mac-Elmurray or Gilmore); and *Mac Muireadhaigh* (MacMurray) very numerous in Co. Donegal. IF MIF App; Map Down (MacMurray) and Roscommon (O'Murray). See Murrighy.

(O) **Murrigan, Murrigan** See Merrigan.

(O) **Murrighy** *Ó Muirighthe*. A Clare name sometimes changed to Murray. Woulfe says it is a corrupt form of *Ó Muireadhaigh* (Murray).

(O) **Murrin, Murran** *Ó Muiredáin*. A family of the Uí Fiachrach, whose name has been changed to Moran. For MacMurran see MacMorran.

**Mac Murrough** *Mac Murchadha*. This name is famous in mediaeval Irish history, not always happily. It is now rare. The sept was

divided and became Kavana  
IF Map Wexford.

**Murtagh** *Ó Muircheartaigh* (n) in origin in Leinster, this name a synonym of Murdoch. In (n) anglicized MacMoriarty. IF

**Murtha** A variant of Murtagh of Louth and Cavan.

**Mac Murtry** See under MacB

**Mac Murty** See MacBrearty.

**Musgrave** This name from V the Plantation of Ulster, la

**Mustey** See MacStay.

**Mutloe** See Motley.

**Myers** See under Meere.

**Myhill** See Mihill.

**Myhan** See Mihan.

(O) **Mylan** A variant spelling

(Mac) **Myler** See Meyler.

**Myles** See Miles.

**Mylotte** See Millett.

(O) **Mynihan** A Kerry, part

**Mythen** See Mitten.

**Naan** See Nawn.

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