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Elliott

Variants: ELLIOT, ELIOTT, ELIOT, ELLETT, ELLYATT

- **Current frequencies:** GB 40421, Ireland 3473
- **GB frequency 1881:** 25268
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread in England: esp. London; NE England; also Scotland
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Fermanagh and Donegal

1 English: relationship name from the Middle English, Old French personal name *Eliot*, a pet form of the Old Testament name *Elijah*, rendered in Greek as *Elias*, and in Old French as *Élie*, + the diminutive suffix *-ot*.

Early bearers

given names:

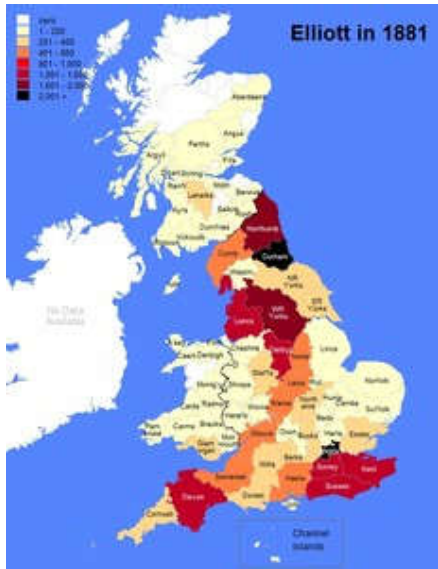
Heliot de Slohebi, 12th cent. in Danelaw Documents (Lincs); Elyot, 1188 in Bury Saint Edmunds Kalendar (Suffolk).

surnames, England: William Elyot, 1257 in Assize Rolls (Somerset); William Eliot, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); Johannes Eleyot, 1381 in Poll Tax (Saintbury, Gloucs); Thomas Elyot, 1451 in Feet of Fines (Oxon); Robert Ellyot, Phillippe Elliot, 1551 in Parish Registers (Hunsdon, Herts).

surnames, Ireland: William Eliot, 1559–69 in Fiants Elizabeth §220; Thomas Elloyt, 1561 in Fiants Elizabeth §312; Thomas Elloytt, gent., 1566 in Fiants Elizabeth §953.

2 English: relationship name; some examples of AYLETT and its variants may have been confused with or absorbed into *Elliott*.

3 Scottish: see ELWOOD.



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Elliott, 1881 frequency.

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