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Fallas

Variants: FALLIS

- **Current frequencies:** GB 158, Ireland 5
- **GB frequency 1881:** 207
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks

1 English: locative name from Falhouse in Thornhill (WR Yorks), recorded as *Falles* in 1297 and *Falehes* in 1335. The place-name has the same origin as FALLOWS. Some early bearers may belong with (2), and this name may also have become confused with FALLS.

Early bearers

Geoffrey del Falles, 1297 in Subsidy Rolls (Yorks); Thomas de Falus, 1379 in Poll Tax (Bretton, WR Yorks); Thomas Fallas, 1578 in IGI (Leeds, WR Yorks); Francis Fallis, 1611 in IGI (Nottingham, Notts); Thos. Falhouse, 1741 in IGI (Holmfirth, WR Yorks).

References

Place-Names of WR Yorks 2, p. 212; Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

2 Norman, English: locative name from Falaise (Calvados). Compare FALLAIZE.

Early bearers

William de Faleise, de Falisia, 1086 in Domesday Book (Wilts); Walter de Faleyse, 1259 in Inquisitiones post Mortem (Drax, WR Yorks); John de Falous, 1315, Stephen de Faleyse, 1316, William de Falayse, 1316, John de Faloy, 1317 in Patent Rolls; William Faleys, 1337 in Colchester Court Rolls (Essex); Willelmus Faleys, 1377 in Poll Tax (Colchester, Essex); Ricardus Falay, 1379 in Poll Tax (Drax, WR Yorks); John Falas of Drax, 1398 in Feet of Fines (Drax, WR Yorks); John Drax alias Fallas, 1404 in Patent Rolls.

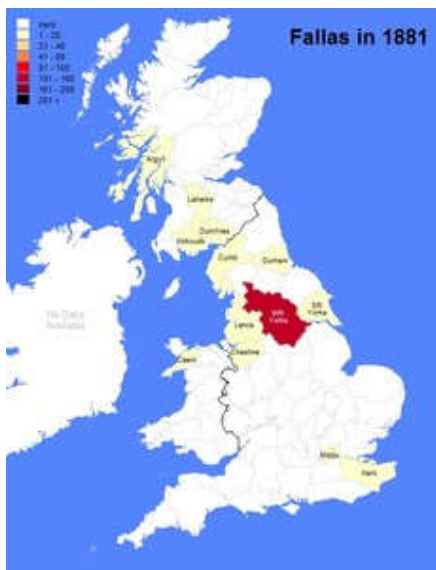
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Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

3 English: locative name from Anglo-Norman French *faleise*, *faloise* 'cliff', for someone who lived on or by a cliff.

Early bearers

Willelinus de la Faleise, 1217 in Patent Rolls; Ellis de la Falayse, 1256 in Patent Rolls (Hants); Isabella atte Faleise, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Sussex); John de la Faleyse of Dunwich, 1300 in Feet of Fines (Suffolk); Augustine de la Faleys of Westleton, 1316 in Feudal Aids (Suffolk); Robt Fallas, 1695 in IGI (Cheadle, Cheshire); Anne Fallas, 1723 in IGI (Bristol, Gloucs); Catherine Fallas, 1726 in IGI (Westminster, Middx); Betty Fallas, 1738 in IGI (Ashton under Lyne, Lancs).



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Fallas, 1881 frequency.

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