

# Oxford Reference

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## Johnston

- **Current frequencies:** GB 36062, Ireland 10872
- **GB frequency 1881:** 24072
- **Main GB location 1881:** widespread: esp. Lanarks and Midlothian; Cumb and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** widespread: esp. Ulster: esp. Antrim and Down; Fermanagh

1 Scottish: see JOHNSTONE.

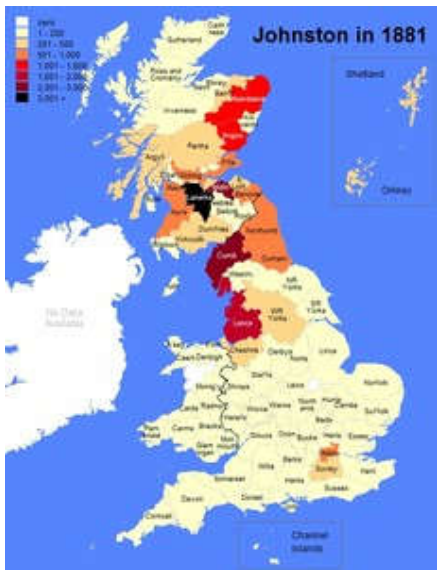
2 English: locative name from Johnson Hall (Staffs), which is recorded as *Johanneston* in about 1233 and *Joneston* in 1347.

### Early bearers:

Alan de Johannestun, 1227 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Peter de Jonestone, 1299 in Assize Rolls (Staffs); Etheldrede Johnston, 1538 in IGI (Norwich, Norfolk); Henry Johnston, 1548 in IGI (Claypole, Lincs); Elizabeth Johnston, 1561 in IGI (Featherstone, WR Yorks); Bryan Johnston, 1571 in IGI (Crosthwaite, Cumb); Phillip Johnston, 1572 in IGI (Bethersden, Kent).

### References:

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