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Littlewood

- **Current frequencies:** GB 4511, Ireland 33
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3843
- **Main GB location 1881:** WR Yorks, Derbys, and Lancs
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Armagh; Dublin

1 English: locative name from a lost place called Littlewood in Cartworth (Holmfirth, WR Yorks), of self-explanatory Middle English origin, listed by Place-Names of WR Yorks 2, p. 254, at Wooldale.

Early bearers:

Gepe de Lyttlewode, Geoffrey de Litelwode, 1274, 1275 in Wakefield Court Rolls (Littlewood, WR Yorks); Johannes de Litylwode, 1379 in Poll Tax (Holmfirth, WR Yorks); Humfridus Litlewodde, 1562 in IGI (Almondbury, WR Yorks); William Littlewood, 1568 in IGI (Dronfield, Derbys); John Littlewoode, 1590 in IGI (Dewsbury, WR Yorks).

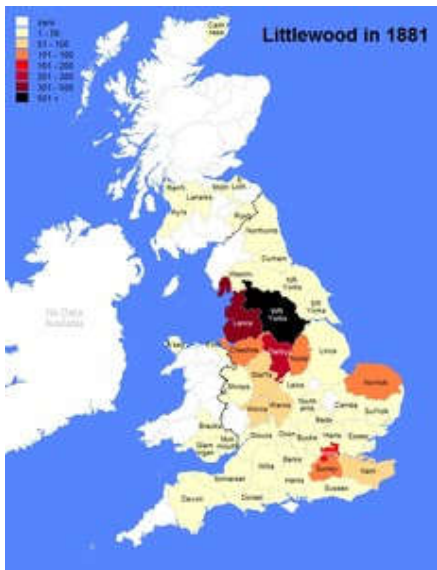
References:

Redmonds, Dictionary of Yorks Surnames.

2 English: locative name, occasionally perhaps from unidentified places named Littlewood in Worcs and Kent.

Early bearers:

Robert atte Lytlewode, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worcs); Willelmo Litlewode, 1377 in Poll Tax (Canterbury, Kent); Issabell Littlewood, 1561 in IGI (Boughton under Blean, Kent).



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Littlewood, 1881 frequency.

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