

# Oxford Reference

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## Morgan

### Variants: MORGANS

- **Current frequencies:** GB 87950, Ireland 5923
- **GB frequency 1881:** 59229
- **Main GB location 1881:** Wales: esp. Glamorgan
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Down, Louth, and Armagh

1 Welsh: relationship name from the medieval Welsh personal name *Morgan*, *Morgant* (Old Welsh *Morcant*, of uncertain etymology).

### Early bearers:

#### given names, Wales:

Morgant filius Ris, 1198 in Ystrad Marchell Charters (Montgomerys);

**given names, England:** Morganus, 1159, in Pipe Rolls (Gloucs); Morganus 1166 in Pipe Rolls (Shrops).

**surnames, Wales:** Rowland Morgayne, 1538 in Morgan and Morgan (Monmouths); William Morgan, 1542 in PROB 11 (Penkoyd, Monmouths); Charles Morgaine or Morgan, 1560 in PROB 11 (Lantheway Skeery, Monmouths); Cissill Morgan, 1603 in IGI (Llantrithyd, Glamorgan).

**surnames, England:** Isabella Morgan, 1214 in Curia Regis Rolls (Berks); John Morgan, 1279 in Assize Rolls (Northumb); William Morgan', 1440 in Feet of Fines (Worcs); William Morgan, capper, 1459–60 in Chester Freeman (Cheshire); Alicia Morgan, 1505 in PROB 11 (Bristol, Gloucs); Robert Morgayne or Morgan, 1567 in PROB 11 (Mapperton, Dorset); Edward Morgain, 1587 in PROB 11 (Salisbury, Wilts).

**surnames, Scotland:** John Morgane, 1419 in Black (Glasgow, Lanarks).

## References:

Morgan and Morgan, pp. 168–9.

**2** Irish, Welsh: in Ireland, an importation of the Welsh surname, to which has been assimilated more than one Irish surname, notably **Ó Muireagáin**, see MERRIGAN.



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Morgan, 1881 frequency.

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