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Fitton

Variants: FITTEN, FITTIN

- **Current frequencies:** GB 2528, Ireland 87
- **GB frequency 1881:** 3368
- **Main GB location 1881:** Lancs; also WR Yorks and Cheshire
- **Main Irish location 1847–64:** Cork

1 English: nickname from Middle English *fiton*, *fittin* 'lie, falsehood', for a liar or cheat.

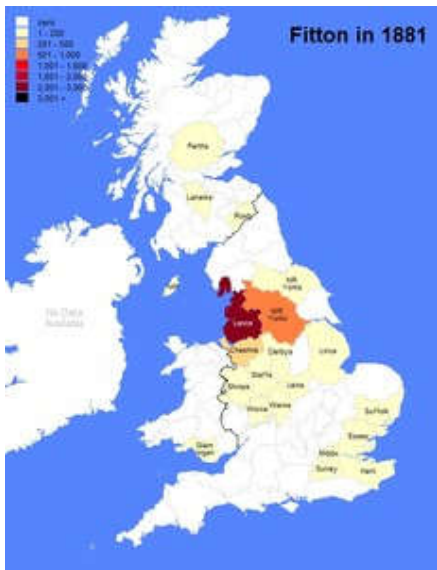
Early bearers

Richard ffyton, 1188 in Whalley Abbey Coucher Book (Lancs); Richard Fitun, 1195 in Pipe Rolls (Warwicks); Hugh Fyton', 1365 in Feet of Fines (Leics); Johanne Fitoun, 1379 in Poll Tax (Burbage and Durley, Wilts); Richard Fyton', knight, 1390 in Feet of Fines (Devon); Robert Fyton' of the county of Chester, 1403 in Feet of Fines (Staffs and Shrops); Ralph Fyton, 1420 in PROB 11 (Bradfield, Berks); Richard Fyton, 1437 in PROB 11 (Shirborne, Dorset); Robert Fitton, 1542 in IGI (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Peter Fytton or Fitton, 1551 in PROB 11 (Ersham, Norfolk); Mary Fytton, 1557, Edward Fyton, 1579 in PROB 11 (Gawsworth, Cheshire); John Fitten, 1599 in IGI (Mexborough, WR Yorks).

2 English: locative name from Fitton Hall in Leverington (Cambs).

Early bearers

Alan de Fittun, about 1213 in Book of Fees (Cambs); John de Fitton, 1326 in Patent Rolls (Norfolk); Isabell Fitton, 1542 in IGI (Middleton by Oldham, Lancs); Johis Fitton, 1569 in IGI (Earsham, Norfolk); Fraunces Fitton, 1584 in IGI (Trentham, Staffs); Robart Fitton, 1591 in IGI (Marston, Lincs); Penelope Fitton, 1596 in IGI (Saint Martin in the Fields, Middx).



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Fitton, 1881 frequency.

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