

Nicknames to Use to Find 50% More Ancestor Newspaper Articles

What? - Use a nickname instead of full given name

Result? - Get as much as 50% more pertinent hits

Nicknames Frequently Used

Name	Nickname	Name	Nickname
Abigail, Tabitha	Abbie, Abby	Hiram	Hy
Abraham	Abe, Abra	Isaac	Ike
Alexander	Alec, Alex	Jackson, John	Jack
Alexander	Sandy	Jacob	Jake
Alice	Allie	Janet, Virginia	Jenny
Alice	Elsie	Jedidiah	Jed
Antoinette, Henrietta	Nettie	Josiah, Cyrus	Si, Cy
Archibald	Arch, Archie	Katherine, Kathleen	Kate, Kay
August	Gus	Malachi, Malcolm	Mal
Augustus	Augie	Margaret	Meg, Maggie
Bartholomew	Bart, Bat	Margaret	Peggy
C/Katherine	Kitty	Margaret, Margery	Madge
Caroline	Callie, Carrie	Martha	Mattie
Charlotte	Lollie, Lottie	Martha	Patsy
Christopher	Kit	Martha, Mary, Amelia	Mollie
Clarissa, Clarinda	Clara	Martha, Patience	Patty
Cornelius	Con	Mary	Mamie
Cyrus	Cy	Mary	Polly
Dorothy	Dolly, Dot	Mary, Wilhelmina	Minnie
Edith	Edie	Mindwell, Wilhelmina	Mina
Edwin, Edward	Ned	Nathaniel	Nat, Nate
Eleanor, Ellen, Helen	Nellie	Newton	Newt
Elizabeth	Bess, Betsey	Oliver	Ollie
Florence	Flora, Flossie	Patrick	Paddy
Frances	Fanny, Frankie	Phineas	Finney
Hamilton	Ham	Richard	Dick
Harold, Henry	Hal	Sarah	Sadie, Sally
Harriet	Hatty	Thaddeus	Tad
Henrietta, Louetta	Etta	Virgil	Virg
Henry	Hank	Wiley, William	Willie, Bill
Henry	Harry	Winifred, Edwina	Winnie

Here are some articles that list common and old-time nicknames that you should employ in your search criteria:

- [A Listing of Some Nicknames Used in the 18th & 19th Centuries](#)
- [Traditional Nicknames in Old Documents](#)
- [Vintage Nicknames for Girls](#)
- [64 of the Best Old-Fashioned Boy Names](#)

