

IRISH SURNAMES (Anglicized or Anglo-Irish)

The aim of this page is to provide English learners and people interested in names with a list of Irish surnames that will enable them to recognize an Irish name when they see one.

There are three historical layers of Irish surnames. The first one consists of Gaelic names. Most of these names included Ó ('grandson') or Mac ('son'). The apostrophe in O' was added due to a misinterpretation of the morpheme as a reduced form of *of*. The second layer includes names brought over by the Normans, like *Burke* or *Darcy*. The prefix *Fitz-* ("fils = son") is Norman. The final layer was formed as a result of the English conquest, with English names or Scottish names - some of which were Celtic in the first place.

The Gaelic names were anglicized as part of the deliberate destruction of Irish culture by the English. This meant that the original form had to be converted to an alien phonological system, or, in some cases, that the name was translated into English. Thus, *Mac Gabhann* was either anglicized as *McGowan* or translated as *Smith* (obviously, the surname *Smith* is frequent among third layer names). Beside these translations, many anglicized surnames are similar to English ones due to formal convergence, like *Collins*, *Hayes* or *Hurley*. Many surnames lost their *Mac* or *Ó* in the anglicisation process and thus variants with and without these 'particles' can be found.

This is an informal list, which is not meant to be exhaustive or take account of the many variants a given surname may have. The list does not include surnames in their Gaelic form, like *Ó Faolain* (anglicized versions: *Phelan* or *Whelan*) or *Ó Seaghdha* (anglicized version: [O'] *Shea*). English surnames that are not typically Anglo-Irish have been left out.

Ahern (Ahearn)	Brogan	Cahill
Barry	Brolly	Calhoun
Behan	Brosnahan	Callaghan
Boyce	Brosnan	Callan
Branagh	Buckley	Canavan
Braniff	Burke	Caniff
Branigan	Byrne	Cannon
Brennan	Caffrey	Carew

Carey	Darcy	Goonan
Carmody	Dempsey	Gorman
Carnahan	Devine	Gormley
Carolan	Devlin	Grogan
Carradine	Devoy	Guinness
Carrell	Dillon	Hallahan
Carrigg	Dinneen	Halligan
Carroll	Doherty	Halloran
Casey	(Dougherty)	Hamill
Cassidy	Dolan	Hannigan
Cassirley	Donegan	Hanrahan
Clancy	Donleavy	Hanratty
Clooney	Donnelly	Harney
Cloran	Donoghue	Hartigan
Cobain	Donovan	Haughey
Cochran	Doohan	Hayden
(Coughran)	Dooley	Hayes
Cody (Coady)	Dougan	Healy
Cohan	Downey	Healihy
Colgan	Driscoll	Hearne
Collins	Duffy	Hegarty
Coltrane	Duggan	Heenan
Comiskey	Dunleavy	Heeney
Conaty	(Donleavy)	Hennessy
Concannon	Dunphy	Herlihy
Conlon	Dwyer	Hickey
Connell	Egan	Higgin
Connoly	Ewan	Hilferty
Conole	Fagan	Hogan
Conroy	Faherty	Holohan
Considine	Fahy	Hooligan
Conway	Fallon	Horan
Coolihan	Farrell	Houlahan
Cooney	Feaney	Houley
Corcoran	Finaghty	Houlihan
Corish	Finn	Hurley
Corliss	Finnegan	Kane
Corr	Finney	Kavanagh
Corrigan	Finucane	Keanan
Cosgrave	Flaherty	Keane
Costello	Flanagan	Kearney
Costigan	Flatley	Kelleher
Coughlan	Flynn	(Kelliher)
Coveney	Fogerty	Kelly
Crohan	Foley	Kennealy
Crowley	Furey	Kennedy
Cuddihy (Cudahy)	Gallagher	Keogh
Culhane	Galvin	Keohane
Culligan	Garvey	Kerrigan
Cullinan	Garvan	Kerry
Cummins	Geoghegan	Kilbride
Cunnane	Gilchrist	Kilgore
Curley	Gilhooley	Kilroy
Curran	Gilligan	Kincaid
Curry	Gilmartin	Kinsella
Daley	Glynn	Leavy

Lonergan	Monaghan	Sheridan
Lowry	Morahan	Shockley
Lynch	Moran	Skehan
Macarooney	Moriarty	Sloane
Mahan	Mulcahy	Spelvin
Maher	Muldoon	Spillane
Mahoney	Mulhearn	Strachan
Malone	Mulholland	Struthers
Mayo	Mullan(e)	Sullivan
McAfee	Mulligan	Sweeney
McAleese	Mulqueen	Teague
McBride	Mulroney	Tiernan
McCarthy	Mulvihill	Tierney
McCaughey	Neven (Niven)	Tone
McCon(n)aughey	Nolan	Toohey
McConnell	O'Brien	Toolan
McCullough	O'Dell	Tooley
McDermott	O'Donnell	Treacy
McDonnell	O'Grady	Troy
McDonough	O'Hagan	Twomey (Toomey)
McElhanon	O'Hanlon	Tynan
McEvoy	O'Keefe	Vaughan
McEwan, McKeown	O'Leary	Walsh
McFarlane	O'Loan	Wheelihan
McGee	O'Malley	Whelan
McGilivray	O'Meara	Wolfe
McGillicuddy	O'Neil	
McGonigle	Orr	
McGovern	O'Shea	
McGowan	O'Toole	
McGrath	Phelan	
McGraw	Pogue	
McGuigan	Quaid	
McGuire (Maguire)	Queenan	
McIlhenny	Quigley	
McIlkenny	Quinlan	
McIlroy	Quinn	
McInerney	Quirke	
McKenna	Rafferty	
McKevitt	Ratigan	
McKoon	Rea	
McLaughlin	Reagan	
McLaverty	Rearden	
McMahon	Reidy	
McManus	Reilly (Riley)	
McMenamin	Riordan	
Mc(A)Nally	Rooney	
McNamara	Rourke	
McNemar	Ryan	
McTaggart	Scanlon	
Malarkey	Sculley	
Meehan	Shanahan	
Milligan	Shannon	
Milroy	Sharkey	
Minogue	Shaughnessy	
Molloy	Sheehan	