Genealogy

~ Old Naming Patterns ~

Before the 17th Century...

The first son was named after the father's father.

The second son was named after the mother's father.

The third son was named after the father.

The fourth son was named after the father's eldest brother.

The first daughter was named after the mother's mother.

The second daughter was named after the father's mother.

The third daughter was named after the mother.

The fourth daughter was named after the mother's eldest sister.

Scottish and early Dutch 1700-1800…

First daughter was named for her maternal grandmother.

Second daughter was named for her paternal grandmother.

Third daughter was named after her mother.

Other daughters were named after other family members.

First son was named after his paternal (sometimes maternal) grandfather.

Second son was named after his maternal (sometimes paternal) grandfather.

Third son was named after his father.

English and Welsh 1700-1870…

First daughter was named after the mother's mother.

Second daughter was named after the mother's father's mother.

Third daughter was named after the mother.

Fourth daughter was named after the mother's eldest sister.

First son was named after the father's father.

Second son was named after the mother's mother.

Third son was named after the father.

Fourth son was named after the father's eldest brother.

Irish 1800's…

First daughter was named after the paternal grandmother.

Second daughter was named after the maternal grandmother.

First son was named after the paternal grandfather.

Second son was named after the maternal grandfather.

Then alternate names using the grandmother's, mother's, aunt's and uncle's names.

Old German…

The first name of each daughter was usually the first name of the mother.

The first name of the son was usually the first name of the father.

Often times the middle name of each child was the name of the baby's baptismal sponsor and they were usually called by his/her middle name.

When I grow up…I want to be an Ancestor