



Common Nicknames

Please don't limit yourself to this source for nicknames; there have been several scholarly works on the topic which divide nicknames into time periods - check them out at your local library.

MALE GIVEN NAMES

- Aaron--Erin, Ron, Ronnie
- Abel--Ab, Abe, Eb, Ebbie
- Abiah/Abijah--A.B., Ab, Biah
- Abiel--Biel, Ab
- Abraham/Abram--Abe
- Abner--Ab
- Adam--Ad, Ade
- Adelbert--Ad, Ade, Albert, Bert, Del, Delbert,
- Elbert
- Adolph/Adolphus--Ad, Dolph, Olph
- Alan--Al
- Alanson--Alan, Al, Lonson
- Albert--Al, Bert, Elbert, see also Adelbert
- Aldrich--Al, Rich, Richie
- Alexander--Al, Alex, Eleck, Sandy
- Alfred--Al, Fred
- Alonzo--Al, Lon, Lonzo
- Anderson--Ander, Andy, Sonny
- Andrew--Andy, Drew
- Anthony--Tony
- Archibald--Archie, Baldo
- Arthur--Art
- Asaph--Asa
- Asahel--Asa
- Azariah--Aze, Riah
- Augustus/Augustine--August, Austin, Gus
- B.F.--Often for Benjamin Franklin
- Barnabas--Barney
- Bartholomew--Bart, Bartel, Bat, Mees, Meus
- Benedict--Ben, Bennie
- Benjamin--Ben, Bennie, Benjy, Jamie
- Bernard--Barney, Berney
- Bradford--Brad, Ford
- Broderick--Ricky, Brady, Brody
- Calvin--Cal, Vin, Vinny
- Cameron--Cam, Ronny, Ron
- Carl--see Charles
- Casey, Kasey--K.C.
- Cedric--Ced, Rick, Ricky
- Charles--Carl, Charlie, Chick, Chuck

FEMALE GIVEN NAMES

- Abigail--Abby, Nabby, Gail
- Adaline/Adeline--Ada, Addy, Dell, Delia, Lena
- Adelaide--Addy, Adele, Dell, Della, Heidi
- Adelpia--Adele, Addy, Dell, Delphia, Philly
- Agatha--Aggy
- Agnes--Aggy, Inez, Nessa
- Aileen--Allie, Lena
- Alberta--Allie, Bert, Bertie
- Alexandra--Alex, Alla, Sandy
- Alfreda--Alfy, Freda, Freddy, Frieda
- Alice/Alicia--Allie, Elsie, Lisa
- Almena--Allie, Mena
- Amanda--Manda, Mandy
- Amelia--Emily, Mel, Millie, Amy
- Ann/Anne--Annie, Nan, Nanny, Nana, Nancy (and
- Ann is sometimes a nickname for Antoinette, Christiana,
- Roseanne, etc.)
- Antoinette/Antonia--Ann, Tony, Netta
- Arabella/Arabelle--Ara, Arry, Belle, Bella
- Arlene--Arly, Lena
- Armena--Arry, Mena
- Asenath--Assene, Natty, Sene
- Augusta/Augustina--Aggy, Gatsy, Gussie, Tina
- Barbara--Bab, Babs, Barby, Bobbie
- Beatrice--Bea, Trisha, Trix, Trixie
- Belinda--Belle, Linda
- Bertha--Birdie, Bert, Bertie
- Bridget--Biddie, Bidy, Bridgie, Bridie
- Camille--Cammie, Millie
- Cornelia--Cornie, Nelia
- Carol/Caroline/Carolyn--Carrie, Cassie, Lynn
- Cassandra--Cassie, Sandra, Sandy
- Catherine/Cathleen/Katherine/Kathleen--Cathy, Kathy,
- Katy, Cassie, Kay, Kit, Kittie, Trina, Lena
- Cecilia--Celia, Cissy
- Charlotte--Char, Lottie, Lotta, Sherry
- Christine/Christina/Christiana/Kristine, etc.--Chris,
- Kris, Crissy, Christy, Kristy, Tina
- Clarinda--Clara
- Clarissa--Clara, Cissy

MALE GIVEN NAMES

- Chauncey--Chan
- Chester--Chet
- Christopher/Christian--Chris, Kit
- Clarence--Clair, Clare
- Clement--Clem
- Clifford--Cliff, Ford
- Clifton--Cliff, Tony
- Columbus--Clum
- Conrad--Con, Conny
- Cornelius--Con, Conny, Corny, Niel
- Courtney--Court, Curt
- Cyrenius--Cene, Cy, Renius, Serene, Swene
- Curtis--Curt
- Dalton--Dahl/Dal
- Daniel--Dan, Danny
- David--Dave, Davey, Day
- Delbert--Bert, Del
- Dennis--Denny, may be short for Dennison
- Derrick--Eric, Rick, Ricky
- Donald--Don, Donny
- Ebenezer--Eben, Eb, Ebbie
- Edmund--Ed, Ned, Ted
- Edward--Ed, Ned, Ted, Teddy
- Edwin--Ed, Ned, Win
- Elbert--see Adelbert, Albert
- Eleazer--Lazar
- Elias--Eli, Lee, Lias
- Elijah--Eli, Lige
- Eliphalet--Left
- Elisha--Eli, Lish
- Ellswood/Elswood--Elsey/Elze/Elsie
- Elwood--Woody
- Emanuel--Manny, Manuel
- Ephraim--Eph
- Epaphroditus--Dite, Ditus, Dyce, Dyche, Eppa
- Eric--Rick, Ricky, may be nickname for Derrick
- Ernest--Ernie
- Eugene--Gene
- Ezekiel--Ez, Zeke
- Ezra--Ez
- Ferdinand--Ferdie
- Francis--Frank, Fran
- Franklin--Frank, Fran
- Frederick--Fred, Freddy, Fritz
- G.W.--often George Washington
- Gabriel--Gabe, Gabby
- Geoffrey/Jeffrey--Geoff, Jeff
- Gerald--Jerry, Gerry
- Gilbert--Gil, Bert, Wilber
- Harold--Hal, Harry
- Henry--Hal, Hank, Harry
- Herbert--Herb, Bert
- Hezekiah--Hez, Hy, Kiah
- Hiram--Hy
- Hopkins --Hop, Hopp
- Horace--Horry
- Hubert--Hugh, Bert, Hub
- Ignatius--Iggy, Nace, Nate, Natius
- Isaac--Ike, Zeke

FEMALE GIVEN NAMES

- Constance--Connie
- Cordelia--Cordy, Delia
- Cornelia--Corny, Nelle, Nelly, Nelia
- Cynthia--Cindy, Cintha
- Dana
- Darlene--Lena, Darry
- Deborah/Debora--Debby, Debbie, Deb
- Deliverance--Della, Delly, Dilly
- Delores--Dell, Lola, Lolly, Della, Dee
- Dicey--Dicie
- Dorcus--Darkey
- Dorothy--Dolly, Dot, Dortha, Dotty Note: Dolly can also be a name that simply means "baby girl"--sometimes given when the name was undecided; it often stuck.
- Edith--Edie
- Elaine--see Eleanor
- Eleanor--Elaine, Ellen, Ellie, Lanna, Lenora, Nelly, Nora
- Elizabeth--Eliza, Bess, Bessie, Beth, Betsy, Betty, Lib, Libby, Liza, Lisa, Liz, Lizzie
- Ellen--see Eleanor and Helen
- Elmira--Elly, Ellie, Mira
- Elouise--Louise, see Heloise
- Elsie--see Alice
- Emily--Emmy, Millie, Emma, see Amelia and Emeline
- Emeline--Em, Emily, Emma, Emmy, Milly
- Estelle/Estella--Essy, Stella
- Esther--see Hester
- Evaline--Eva, Eve, Lena
- Faith--Fay
- Fidelia--Delia
- Florence--Flo, Flora, Flossy
- Frances--Fanny, Fran, Cissy, Frankie, Sis
- Fredericka--Freda, Freddy, Ricka, Frieda
- Gabrielle/Gabriella--Gabby, Ella
- Gail--see Abigail
- Genevieve--Eve, Jean, Jenny
- Geraldine--Dina, Gerry, Gerrie, Jerry
- Gertrude--Trudy, Gert, Gertie
- Gwendolyn--Gwen, Wendy
- Hannah--Nan, Nanny, Anna, also may be a nickname for Johannah, Susannah.
- Harriet--Hattie
- Heidi--see Adelaide
- Helen/Helene--Ella, Ellen, Ellie, Lena
- Heloise--Eloise, Lois
- Henrietta--Etta, Ety, Hank, Nettie, Retta
- Hermione--Hermie
- Hepsibah/Hephsibah--Hipsie
- Hester--Hessy, Esther, Hetty
- Ina--see Lavina
- Inez--see Agnes
- Irene--Rena
- Isabel/Isabelle/Isabella--Bella, Belle, Ib, Issy, Nib, Nibby, Tibbie
- Isadora--Dora, Issy
- Jane--Janie, Jean, Jennie, Jessie
- Janet--Jessie, Jan
- Jean/Jeanne--Jane, Jeannie
- Jeanette--Janet, Jean, Jessie, Nettie

MALE GIVEN NAMES

- Isidore--Izzy
- Jacob--Jaap, Jake, Jay, could be short for Jacobus.
- James--Jamie, Jem, Jim, Jimmy
- Jay--see Jacob
- Jedidiah--Jed
- Jefferson--Jeff, Sonny
- Jehiel--Hiel
- Jeremiah--Jereme, Jerry
- John--Jack, Jock, Johnny, occasionally a nickname for Jonathan
- Jonathan--Nathan, possibly John/Jon
- Joseph--Joe, Joey, Jos, Jody
- Joshua--Josh, Jos
- Josiah--Jos
- Judson--Jud, Sonny
- Julias/Julian--Jule
- Junior--JR, June, Junie
- K.C.--sometimes for Kasey/Casey
- Kenneth--Ken, Kenny, also for Kendall, Kendrick, Kent, etc.
- King--may be short for Kingston or Kingsley
- Lafayette--Fate, Laffie
- Lamont--Monty
- Lawrence/Laurence--Larry, Lon, Lonny, Lorne, Lorry
- Lemuel--Lem
- Leonard--Leo, Leon, Len, Lenny, Lineau
- LeRoy--L.R., Lee, Roy
- Leslie--Les
- Lester--Les
- Levi--Lee
- Lincoln--Link
- Lorenzo--Loren
- Lucias/Lucas--Luke
- Luther--Luke
- Lyndon--Lynn, Lindy
- Marcus--Mark
- Martin--Marty
- Marvin--Marv
- Matthew/Matthias--Matt, Thias, Thys
- Maurice/Morris--Morey
- Mervyn--Merv
- Micah--somes short for Michael
- Michael--Mike, Micah, Mick, Micky
- Mitchell--Mitch
- Montgomery--Monty, Gum
- Napoleon--Nap, Nappy, Leon
- Nathan--Nate, sometimes short for Nathaniel or Jonathan
- Nathaniel--Nathan, Nate, Nat, Natty, Than
- Nicholas--Nick, Claas, Claes
- Norbert--Bert, Norby
- Obadiah--Diah, Dyer, Obed, Obie
- Oliver--Ollie
- Oswald--Ossy, Ozzy, Waldo
- Patrick--Paddy, Pat, Patsy, Pate, sometimes Peter
- Pelegrine--Perry
- Percival--Percy
- Peter--Pete, Pate
- Philetus--Leet, Phil
- Phillip--Phil

FEMALE GIVEN NAMES

- Jemima--Mima
- Jennifer--Jennie
- Jessica--Jessie
- Joan--Nonie, sometimes short form of Joanna/Johannah
- Joanna/Johannah--Joan, Jody, Hannah
- Josephine--Jody, Jo, Joey, Josey, Fina
- Joyce--Joy
- Juanita--Nettie, Nita
- Julia--Julie, Jill
- Keziah--Kizza, Kizzie
- Lavina/Lavinia--Ina, Vina, Viney
- Lenora--Nora, Lee, see Eleanor
- Letitia--Lettie, Lettice, Titia, Tish
- Lillah -- Lily, Lilly, Lil, Lolly
- Lillian--Lil, Lilly, Lolly
- Linda--Lindy, Lynn, may be a short form of Belinda,
- Melinda, Philinda, etc.
- Lisa--may be a short form of Elizabeth, Alice, Melissa
- Lois--see Heloise, Louise
- Loretta--Etta, Lorrie, Retta
- Lorraine--Lorrie
- Louise/Louisa--Lou, Eliza, Lois
- Lucille--Lu, Lou, Cille, Lucy
- Lucinda--Cindy, Lu, Lou, Lucy
- Luella--Ella, Lu, Lula
- Lydia/Lidia--Lyddy
- Lynn--may be short form of Carolyn, Madeline, Linda, etc.
- Madeline--Lena, Maddy, Madge, Magda, Maggie,
- Maida, Maud
- Magdelina--Lena, Madge, Magda
- Mahala--Hallie
- Margaret/Margaretta--Daisy, Gretta, Madge, Maggie,
- Meg, Midge, Peg, Peggy, Rita, Margery, Marge, Margie
- Martha--Marty, Mat, Mattie, Patsy, Patty
- Mary--Molly, Polly, Mae, Mamie, Mitzi
- Matilda--Tilly, Matty, Maud
- Mehitabel--Hetty, Hitty, Mabel, Mitty
- Melinda--Linda, Lindy, Mel, Mindy
- Melissa--Lisa, Lissa, Mel, Milly, Missy
- Michelle--Mickey
- Mildred--Milly
- Millicent--Milly, Missy
- Minerva--Minnie
- Miranda--Mandy, Mira, Randy
- Miriam--Mimi, Mitzi
- Nancy--Nan, see also Ann
- Natalie--Natty, Nettie
- Olive/Olivia--Ollie, Nollie, Livia
- Parmelia--Amelia, Melia, Milly
- Patience--Pat, Patty
- Patricia--Pat, Patty, Patsy, Tricia
- Paula/Paulina--Polly, Lina
- Penelope--Penny
- Philinda--Linda
- Priscilla--Cissy, Cilla, Prissy
- Prudence--Prudy, Prue
- Rachel--Shelly
- Rebecca--Reba, Becca, Becky, Beck
- Regina--Reggie, Gina

MALE GIVEN NAMES

- Prescott--Scott, Scotty, Pres
- Ralph--sometimes for Raphael
- Randolph--Randy, Dolph
- Raymond--Ray
- Reginald--Reg, Reggie, Naldo, Renny
- Reuben--Rube
- Richard--Dick, Dickon, Rich, Rick, Ricky
- Robert--Bob, Dob, Dobbin, Hob, Hobkin, Rob,
- Robby, Bobby, Robin, Rupert
- Roger/Rodger--Roge, Hodge, Rod
- Roland--Lanny, Rollo, Rolly, variant of Orlando
- Ronald--Ron, Ronny, Naldo
- Rudolph/Rudolphus--Dolph, Olph, Rolf, Rudy
- Rupert--variant of Robert
- Russell--Russ, Rusty
- Samuel--Sam, Sammy
- Seymour--Morey, See
- Shelton--Shelly, Shel, Tony
- Sheridan--Dan, Danny, Sher
- Sidney--Sid, Syd
- Silas--Si
- Simon/Simeon--Si, Sion
- Smith--Smitty
- Solomon--Sal, Salmon, Saul, Sol, Solly, Zolly
- Stephen/Steven--Steve, Steph
- Sullivan--Sully, Van
- Sylvester--Si, Sly, Sy, Syl, Vester, Vet, Vessie
- Terence--Terry
- Thaddeus--Thad
- Theodore--Ted, Teddy, Theo
- Thomas--Tom, Thom, Tommy
- Timothy--Tim, Timmy
- Tobias--Toby, Bias
- Uriah--Riah
- Valentine--Felty/Feltie
- Vincent/Vinson--Vince, Vin, Vinny
- Wallace--Wally
- Washington--Wash, often for George Washington
- Wilber/Wilbur--Will, variant of Gilbert
- Wilfred--Will, Willie, Fred
- William--Will, Willie, Bill, Billy, sometimes Bell or Bela
- Winfield--Win, Winny, Field
- Woodrow--Wood, Woody, Drew
- Zachariah--Zach, Zachy, Zeke
- Zebedee--Zeb
- Zedediah--Zed, Diah, Dyer
- Zephaniah--Zeph
- 3rd--Trey
- 4th--Ivy (from IV)
- 5th--Quince, Quint
- Generic names for sons named for father: Chip, Skip, Sonny

FEMALE GIVEN NAMES

- Relief--Leafa
- Roberta--Bobbie, Robbie, Bert, Bertie or Birdie
- Rosabel/Rosabella--Belle, Rosa, Rose, Roz
- Rosalyn/Rosalinda--Rosa, Rose, Linda, Roz
- Roseann/Roseanna--Rose, Ann, Roz, Rosie
- Roxanne/Roxanna--Ann, Rose, Roxie
- Sabrina--Brina
- Sandra--Sandy, see Cassandra, Alexandra
- Sarah--Sally, Sadie
- Selina (Celina)--Lena
- Serena--Rena
- Shirley--Lee, Sherry, Shirl
- Submit--Mitty
- Susan/Susannah--Sue, Sukey, Susie, Hannah
- Tabitha--Tabby
- Theresa--Terry, Tess, Tessie, Tessa, Thirza, Thursa, Tracy
- Tryphena--Phena
- Valerie--Val
- Vanessa--Nessa, Essa, Vanna
- Veronica--Franky, Frony, Ron, Ronnie, Ronna, Vonnie
- Victoria--Vicky
- Virginia--Ginger, Ginny, Jane, Jennie, Virgy
- Wilhelmina--Mina, Willie, Wilma, Minnie
- Winifred--Winnie, Freddie, Winnet

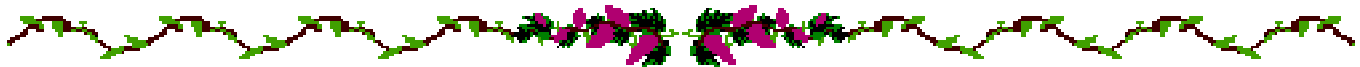


18th Century PA German Nicknames



18TH CENTURY PA GERMAN	ENGLISH VERSION	NICKNAME/AKA
Abraham	Abraham	Abe
Abram	Abram	Abe
Andreas	Andrew	
Anna	Anna, Ann	Nancy, Ann
Anton	Anthony	Tunis, Tony, Duny
Aegidius	Giles	
Baltzer	Balthasar	
Barbara	Barbara	Bevvy
Benjamin	Benjamin	Ben
Bernhard, Barnet	Bernard	
Carolus	Charles	Carl
Catharina	Catharine	Kate, Katie
Christian	Christian	Christ, Christli
Christina	Christina	Dinah, Tina
Christoph	Christopher	Kit, Stoffel
Cornelia	Cornelia	Nell, Nellie, Nelly
Dewald	Theobald	
Dionysius	Denis	
Dietrich	Theodoric	Dieter
Dorothea	Dorothy	
Eleanor	Eleanor	Ellen, Ella, Nell, Nellie, Nelly
Elias	Elijah	Eli
Elisabeth	Elizabeth	Lis, Lizzie, Betti
Erasmus	Erasmus	Asmus, Asimus
Frantz	Francis	
Friedrich	Frederick	Fritz
Gottfried	Godfrey, Geoffrey	
Hannah	Hannah	Johanna, Jane, Jean, Joan
Heinrich	Henry	Hank
Ignatius	Ignatius	Natius, Natz
Jacob	Jacob, James	Jake
	Jane	Jennie, Jenny
Jeremiah	Jeremiah	Jerry, Jereme
Johanna	Johanna	Hanna, Hannah, Joan, Jean, Jane, Janet, Janette, Janey, Netta, Nettie
Johannes	John	Hans, Haensel, Jack


18TH CENTURY PA GERMAN	ENGLISH VERSION	NICKNAME/AKA
Jonas	Jonah	
Jost, Justus	Yost, Justus	
Jurg	George	
Karl, Carl	Charles	
Kezia	Kezia	Cassie
Kuhnrat	Conrad	Kunz
Ludwig	Lewis, Louis	
Magdalena	Magdalene, Madeleine	Lena, Molly
Margaretha	Margaret	Peggy, Maggie, Rebecca, Gretta
Maria	Mary	Polly, Molly
Matthaeus, Matthias	Matthew	Mat, Teis, Thebus
Nathanael	Nathaniel, Nathan	Nat, Thaniel
Nicolaus	Nicholas	Nickel, Claus
Rebecca	Rebecca	Becky, Margaret, Peggy
Salome	Salome	Sally, Sarah
Sarah	Sarah	Sally, Sadie, Sara
Sebastian	Sebastian	Bastian
Sem	Shem	
Ulrich	Ullery, Eldridge	
Valentin	Valentine	Felty
Veit	Vitus	
Verena	Verena	Frena, Franey, Veronica, Fronica
Veronica	Fronica	Franey, Fran
Wilhelm	William	Bill
Wilhelmina		Minnie





Male Names and Nicknames

English Names	Dutch Equivalent	Shortened
Anthony/Tony	Anthonius/Antonis	Anton/Antoon/Toon/Tonnis/Antonus
Tony	Theunis/Teunis	Teun/Toni
Arnold/Art	Arnoldus	Arnold
Bartholomew	Bartolomeus/Bartholomeus	Bartol/Bart/Meese/Meus
Bert/ Burt	Bertus/Berthold	Bert/Mart
Cornelis/Cornelius	Cornelis	Krelis/Nelis/Kees/Cees/Cor
Dennis	Denys/Dionijs	Nys/Nijs
Harmon	Hermannus/Harmannus	Herman/Mannus (see note)
Jacob	Jacobus/Jakobus	Jacob/Jokob/Jaap/Jakob
John	Johannus/Joannus	Johan/Jan/Hans/Hannus /Johannes
Matthew/Matt	Mathias/Mattias	Thys/Thijs/Tijs//Tice * see note
Nicholas/Nickolas	Nicolaes/Nikolaas	Claes/Klaas/Niek/Nico/Niekolaas
Peter	Petrus	Piet, Peter, Pieter
William	Wilhelmus/Willem	Wilm/Wim



Female Names and Nicknames

English Names	Dutch Equivalent	Diminutive & Shortened
Alita	Aleida	Leida
Anthonia		Teuntje
Catherine	Catharina	Katrintje/Trintje/Trijntje
Cornelia	Cornelia	Neeltje
Kathy	Katharina	Katrijn/Trijntje
Cynthia		Steentje
Cornelia		Neeltje
Elenora=Lena*		Leentje
Elenora/Nora	Eleonara/Nora	Leonora/Nora/Noortje
Frances		Francytje
Frances	Fransiska/Fransisca	Fransje/Fransien/Fransientje Siska/Joanne/Sientje
Gertrude	Gertuida/Geertruida	Geertje/Truida/Trui
Helena=Lena*		Leentje
Helena/Hellen	Helena/Heleen	Lena/Heleentje/Leentje
Henrietta/Harriet	Henriette	Henriet/Hennie
?	Hendrika/Hendrike	Rika/Hendrikje
Jane	Johanna/Janna	Jannetje/Jantje/Jannie
Joan	Johanna/Johanne/Joanna Joanne	Hanna/Janna/Hannie/Hanneke
Magdalena=Lena*		Leentje
Magdalena	Magdalena	Magda/Lena/Leentje
Maria	Maria/Marita	Maritje/Marie/Ria/Marit
Margaret	Margaretha	Margrietje/Margje/Margriet Margreet/Greet/Grietje
Phoebe	Pheabea	Femmeke/Femmetje/Femke/Femme /Famke/Phoebe
Sara	Sara	Saar/Saartje/Sytie
Sophia	Sophia	Fytie/Fientje

