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WELCOME TO TOPIC # 117... TODAY WE WILL BE
DISCUSSING VICTORIAN NAMES...



FASHIONS CHANGE IN CHRISTIAN NAMES AS MUCH AS IN ANY OTHER AREA OF LIFE.



MANY POPULAR VICTORIAN NAMES NOW
SOUND TERRIBLY OLD-FASHIONED AND ARE
RARELY USED TODAY.



GOTHIC
Victoriana
BABY NAMES
GENUINE GIVEN NAMES FROM THE VICTORIAN ERA IN BRITAIN

ADAMANTINE	DRUSILLA	MORGANA	ACHILLES	DARIUS	NEHEMIAS
ADELIZA	EMERENTIANA	MORGAN	AENEAS	DEMOSTHENES	OCTAVIUS
ALCESTA	ESMERALDA	MORWENNA	ALBANY	DEVEREUX	CRESTES
AMBROSINA	ESPERANZA	NARCISSA	ALBION	DRYDEN	PHAROAH
ANCHORETTA	ETHELDREDA	PANDORA	ALMERIC	EDRIC	PHILEMON
ANDROMEDA	ETHELFEDEA	PETRONILLA	ALPHEUS	ETHELBERT	PHILETUS
ARAMANTHA	EURANIA	PHILADELPHIA	ANDRONICUS	EUSEBIUS	PROSPERO
ARTEMISIA	EUSEBIA	ROWENA	AMADEUS	EVERARD	PTOLOMY
ASENATH	EVERALDA	SEMIRAMIS	AMIAS	FERDINAND	PLUTO
ASPASIA	EUPHROSYNE	SOPHRONIA	AMRAPHEL	GALENUS	RANULPHUS
BATHSHEBA	HESPERIA	SYNDONIA	AQUILLA	GRANVILLE	SWITHIN
BELLAMIRA	HORTENSIA	THEODOCIA	ARCHELAUS	HAMLET	SYLVESTER
BELLICENT	ISIDORA	THEODORINE	ARPHAXAD	HERCULES	TARQUIN
BELVIDERA	ISOLINE	THEOPHANIA	ARTEMAS	IGNATIUS	TALIESIN
BOADICEA	LAODAMIA	TRYPHENA	AURELTAN	ISAMBARD	THEODERIC
BRILLIANA	LUCRETIA	TRYPHOSA	BARNASAS	JUSTINIAN	THEOPHILUS
CASTILLA	LUCREZIA	URSULINE	BARTLEBY	LANCELOT	TRESILLIAN
CELESTIA	LUSITANIA	VASHTI	BERESFORD	LAPIDOTH	TREVELYAN
CLARIMOND	LYSTRA	VESPERINA	CADWALLADER	LAZARUS	ULRIC
CLEOPATRA	MARCELLINA	VICTORINE	CASIMIR	LEOLINE	VANE
CONSTANTIA	MEDEA	VIOLETTA	CASPAR	LEONIDAS	VITRUVIUS
CRESCENTIA	MEDORA	XANTIPPE	CASSANDER	MARSENA	VOLTAIRE
DEIDAMIA	MELUSINA	XIMENA	CEPHAS	MELANCTHON	VYVYAN
DELILAH	MELVINA	ZENOBI	CORNELIUS	MELBOURNE	WOLFGANG
DEMETRIA	MILBOROUGH	ZETILLA	COURTENAY	MONTHORENCY	WOLSTAN
DESDEMONA	MINERVA	ZILLA	CYPRIAN	MORTIMER	XENOPHON
DORINDA	MORFORWYN	ZULEIKA	CYRILLUS	MYCROFT	XERXES

OTHER NAMES SEEM TO WEATHER FASHION
TRENDS ADMIRABLY AND CAN BE FOUND IN
MODERN GENERATIONS AS WELL AS IN
VICTORIAN TIMES.



Robert Lewis Stevenson

NAMES WERE ASSOCIATED WITH SOCIAL CLASS
IN VICTORIAN TIMES.



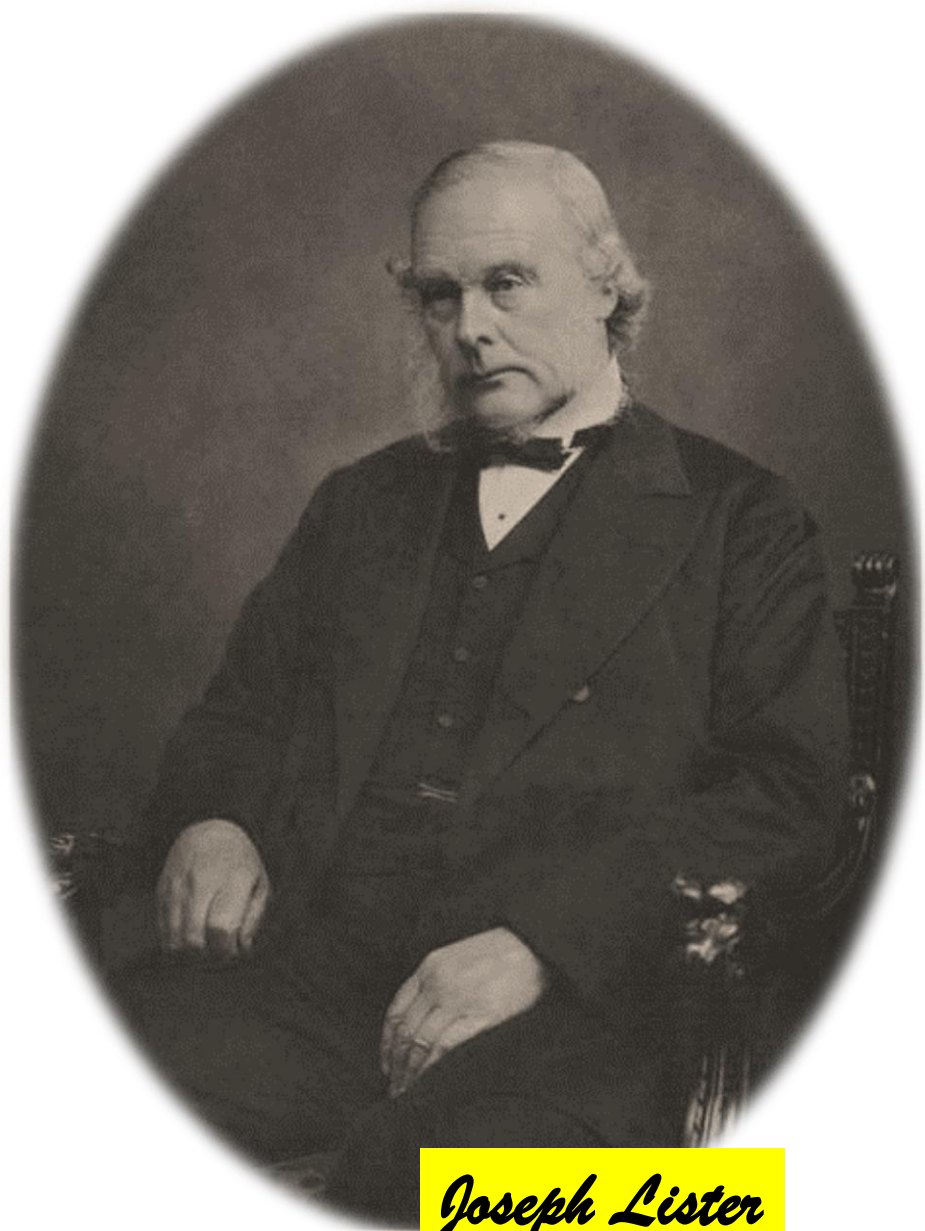
Florence Nightingale

LADIES FROM THE UPPER CLASS WOULD HAVE NAMES SUCH AS ADA, BEATRICE AND DOROTHY AND UPPER-CLASS GENTLEMEN WERE POPULARLY CALLED FREDERICK, SAMUEL AND CYRIL.



George Frederick Samuel Robinson

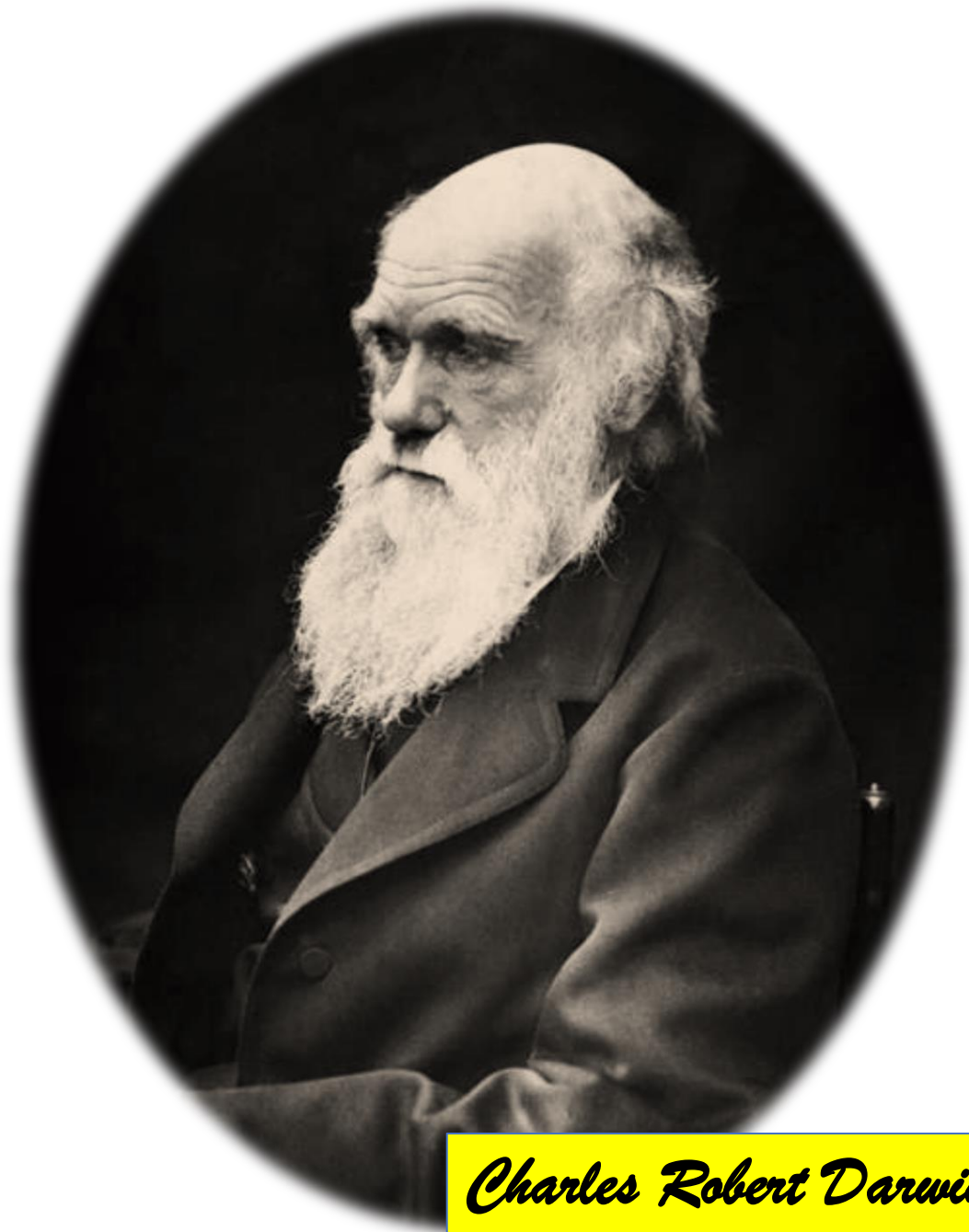




Joseph Lister

GRADUALLY THESE NAMES WOULD BE COPIED BY MIDDLE AND LOWER CLASSES SO THE NAMES TRICKLED DOWN OVER TIME AND NEW NAMES BECAME POPULAR FOR THE ARISTOCRACY.





Charles Robert Darwin

THE 10 MOST POPULAR VICTORIAN BOYS NAMES
WERE...

JOHN, WILLIAM, JAMES, GEORGE, CHARLES,
JOSEPH, FRANK, ROBERT, EDWARD, AND HENRY.

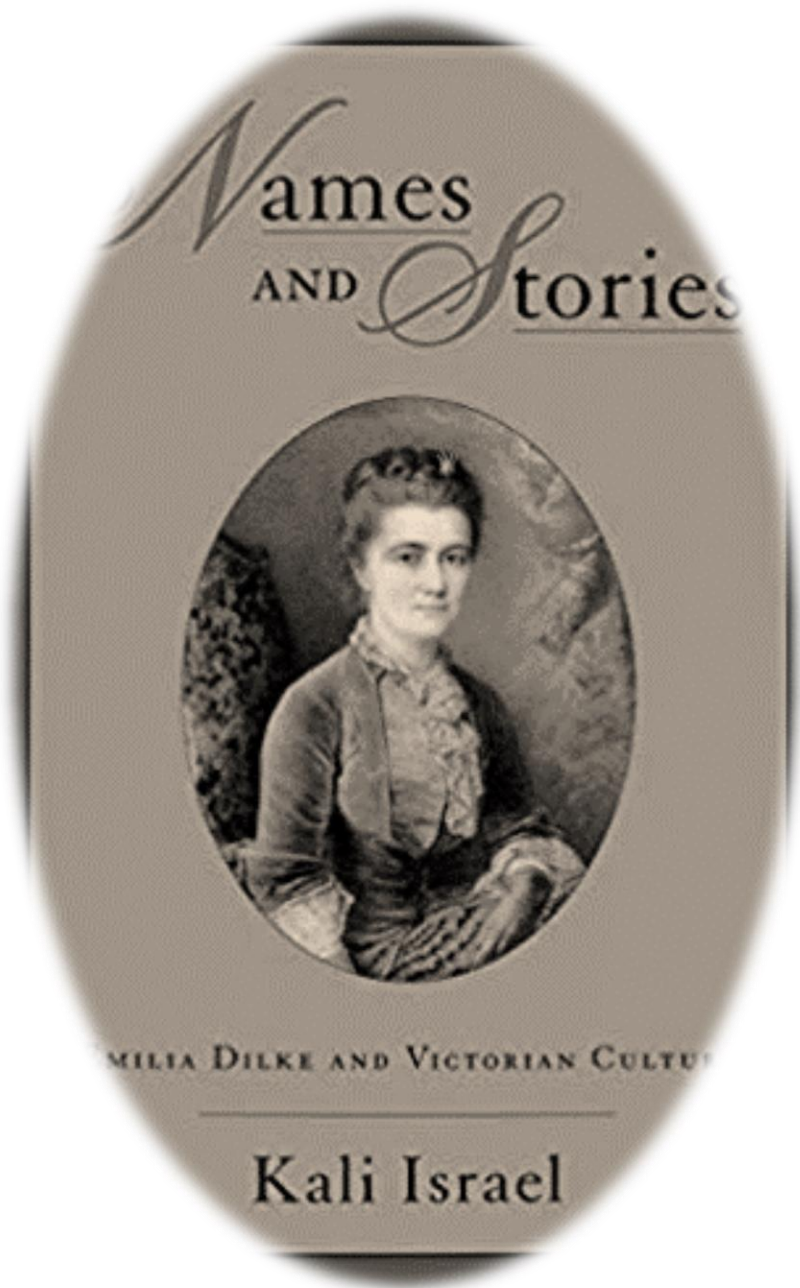


**THE 10 MOST POPULAR VICTORIAN GIRLS NAMES
WERE...**

**MARY, ANNA, MARGARET, HELEN, ELIZABETH,
RUTH, FLORENCE, ETHEL, EMMA, AND MARIE**



THERE WERE MANY THINGS THAT INFLUENCED
THE CHOICE OF VICTORIAN NAMES.



ROYALTY WAS A HUGE INFLUENCE WITH MANY CHILDREN BEEN NAMED AFTER QUEEN VICTORIA AND ALBERT AND THEIR NINE CHILDREN...

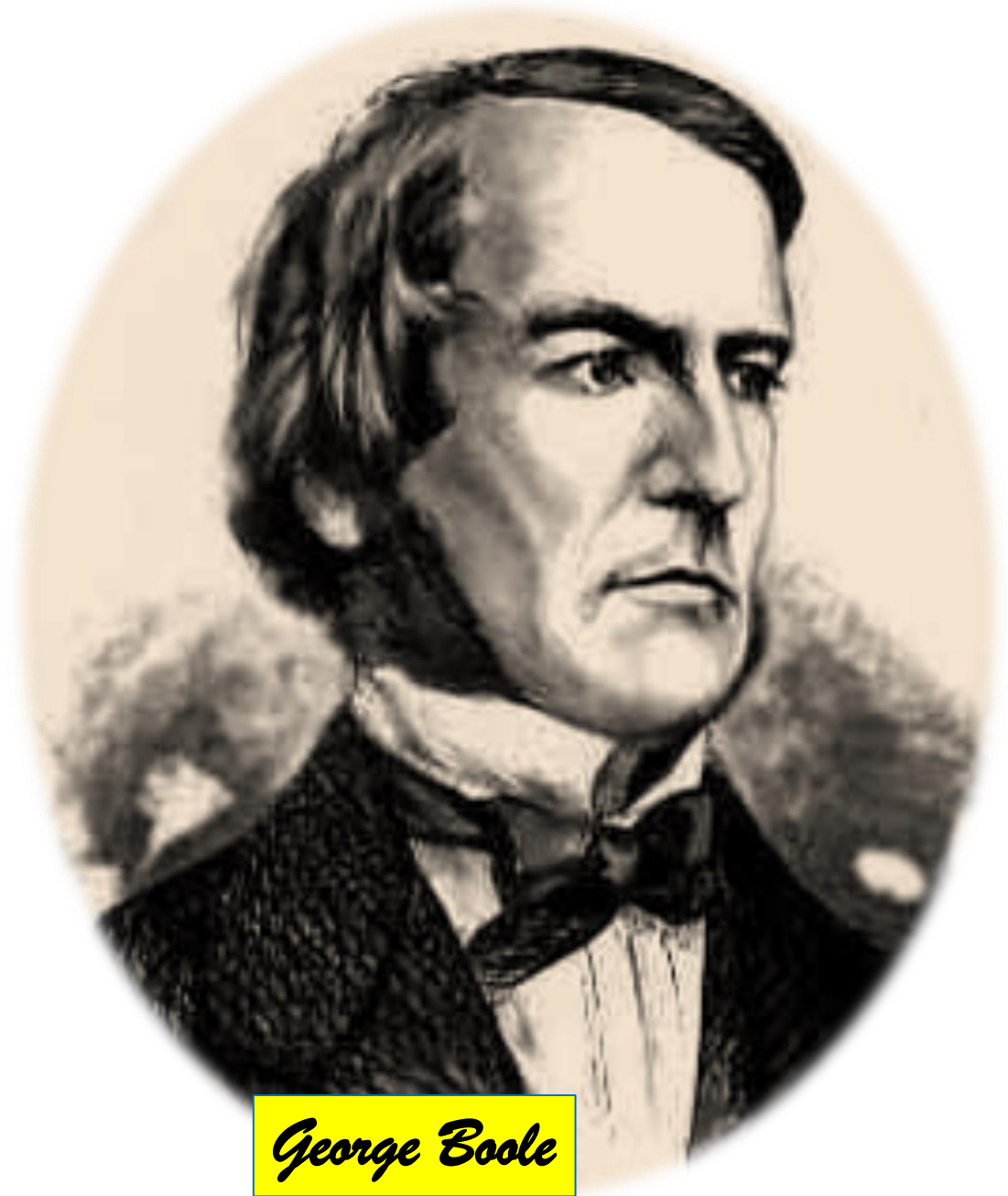


...WHO WERE CALLED VICTORIA, EDWARD,
ALICE, ALFRED, HELENA, LOUISE, ARTHUR,
LEOPOLD AND BEATRICE.



Queen Victoria

GEORGE, WILLIAM AND VICTORIA ARE
PARTICULAR ROYAL EXAMPLES.



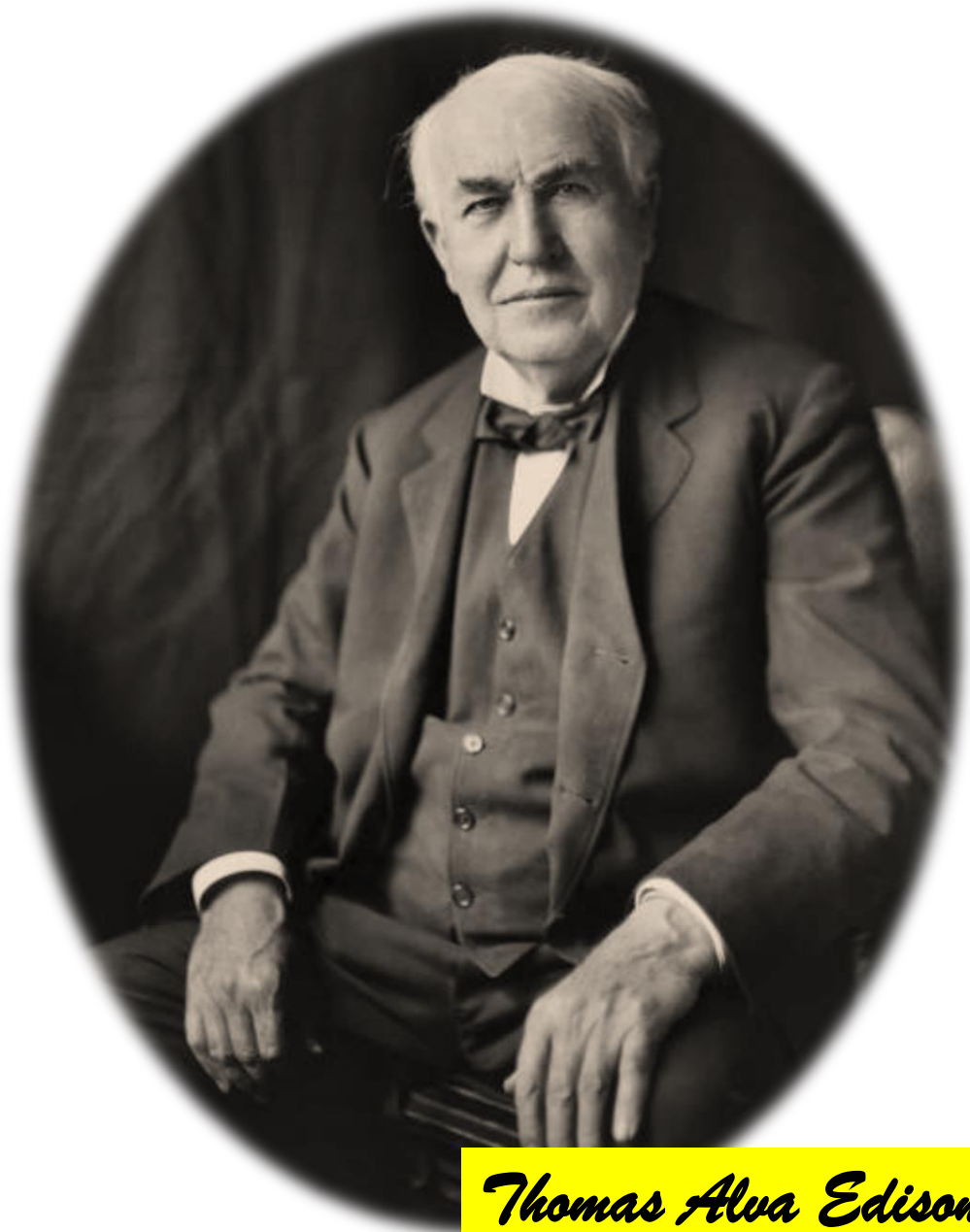
George Boole

BIBLICAL NAMES WERE MOST PREVALENT FOR NAMING CHILDREN IN VICTORIAN TIMES AND INCLUDED SAMUEL, JACOB, JAMES, JOSEPH,...



Sara Forbes Bonetta





Thomas Alva Edison

...JOHN, PETER AND THOMAS FOR BOYS AND RUTH, SARA, MARY (MARIE), AND HANNAH FOR GIRLS.



**BIBLICAL NAMES REMAIN POPULAR EVEN TODAY...
TO A LESSER EXTENT NAMES WERE COPIED FROM
HEROES OF MYTHOLOGY AND ANCIENT
LITERATURE, SUCH AS ACHILLES AND HECTOR.**



Achille Murat



THE VICTORIANS WERE ALSO BIG ON CHOOSING
VIRTUOUS NAMES FOR THEIR OFFSPRING...
CHARITY, PRUDENCE, HOPE, MERCY AND CHASTITY...



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VIRTUE

Baby Names

A photograph of a pregnant woman with long blonde hair, wearing a white long-sleeved top, standing in front of a chalkboard. She has her hand to her chin in a thoughtful pose. The chalkboard is filled with various baby names written in white chalk. The names include Ben, Seth, William, Noah, Oskar, Sam, Hugo, Bill, David, Lilly, Jasmine, Sophia, Emily, Ava, Kate, and Zoe. The title 'Baby Names' is written at the top of the board.

Ben Seth Lilly
William Noah Jasmine Sophia
Oskar Sam Luke Emily Ava
Hugo Bill Oliver Kate
David Zoe

Ada Lovelace

...WERE ALL VIRTUOUS NAMES THAT WERE
FOISTED ONTO UNSUSPECTING OFFSPRING FOR
THEM TO LIVE UP TO.



EASIER TO LIVE WITH WERE GIRLS NAMES TAKEN FROM FLOWERS... IRIS, ROSE, LILY OR LILLIAN, DAISY, MYRTLE AND VIOLET WERE ALL POPULAR VICTORIAN NAMES.



Lillian Russell

NICKNAMES WERE COMMON IN VICTORIAN TIMES SUCH AS HATTIE (FOR HARRIET), BESSIE (FOR ELIZABETH), PEGGY (FOR MARGARET), DICK (FOR RICHARD), FRANK (FOR FRANCIS) AND LOTTIE (FOR CHARLOTTE).



Lottie Collins



Maria Louise Victoria

SOME NAMES WERE CREATED BY RUNNING TWO CHRISTIAN NAMES TOGETHER.





Henry James Byron

MARY GRACE, SARAH ANN, MARIE LOUISE, HENRY JAMES AND FRANK WILLIAM ARE TYPICAL EXAMPLES THAT OCCURRED MANY TIMES IN CENSUS RECORDS, MARRIAGE AND OTHER PUBLIC RECORDS.



A STROLL AROUND ANY CHURCHYARD WILL GIVE A GOOD CROSS-SECTION OF THESE NAMES ON GRAVESTONES DATING BACK TO THE 19TH CENTURY AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY.



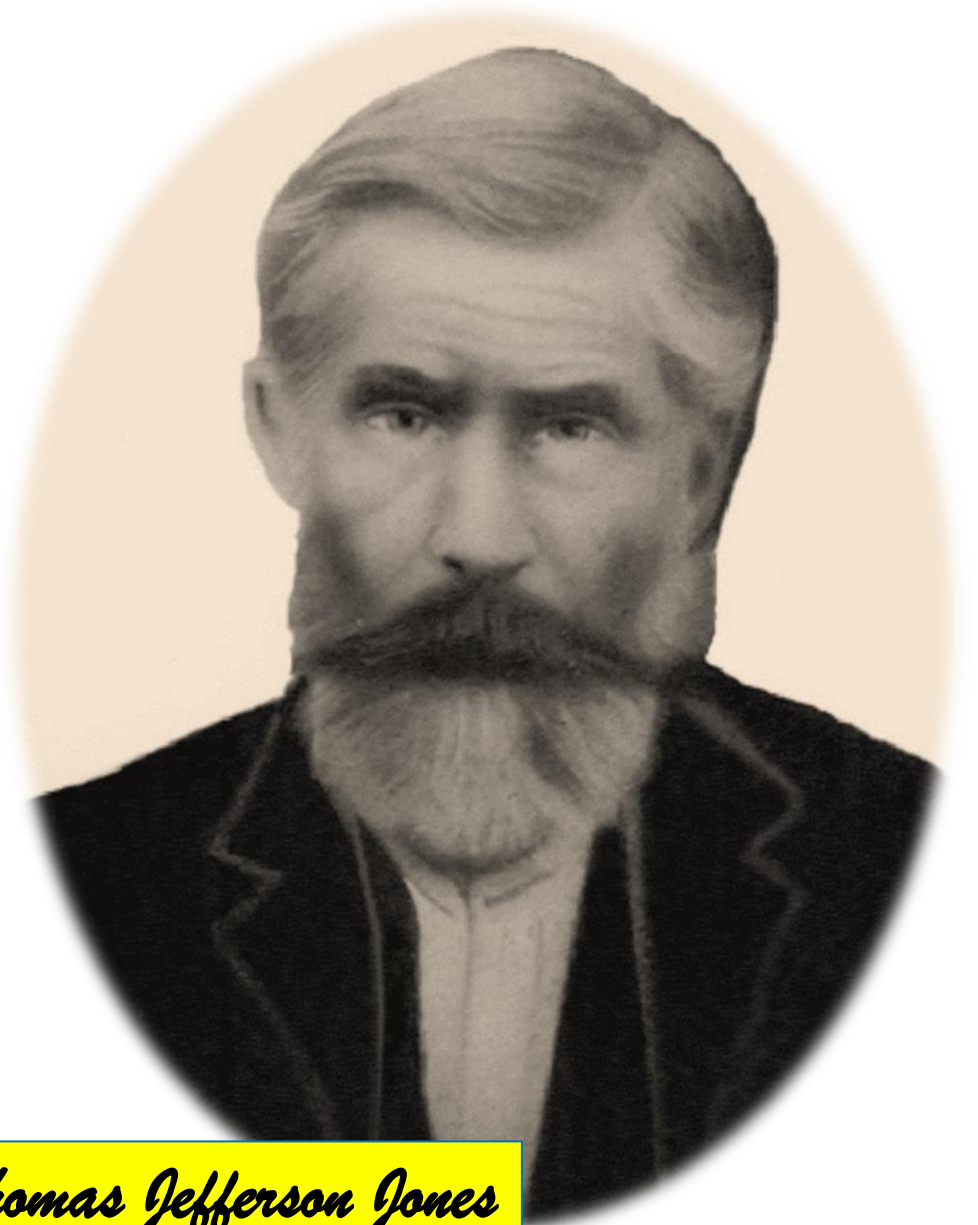


Charles Stewart Parnell

FAMILIES OFTEN RECYCLED SURNAMES AS CHRISTIAN NAMES AND THE MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME WOULD OFTEN BE INSERTED AS A CHILD'S MIDDLE NAME.



THIS APPLIED TO BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS... JOHN BUTTERFIELD SMITH, CHARLES STEWART PARNELL AND LOUISA JEFFERSON JONES ARE JUST THREE WELL-KNOWN EXAMPLES.



Thomas Jefferson Jones

FAMILY NAMES WERE OFTEN HANDED DOWN THROUGH THE GENERATIONS WITH NAMES SUCH AS CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS JONES...



...CONFUSINGLY BELONGING TO ANY NUMBER OF
GENERATIONS OF THE SAME FAMILY.

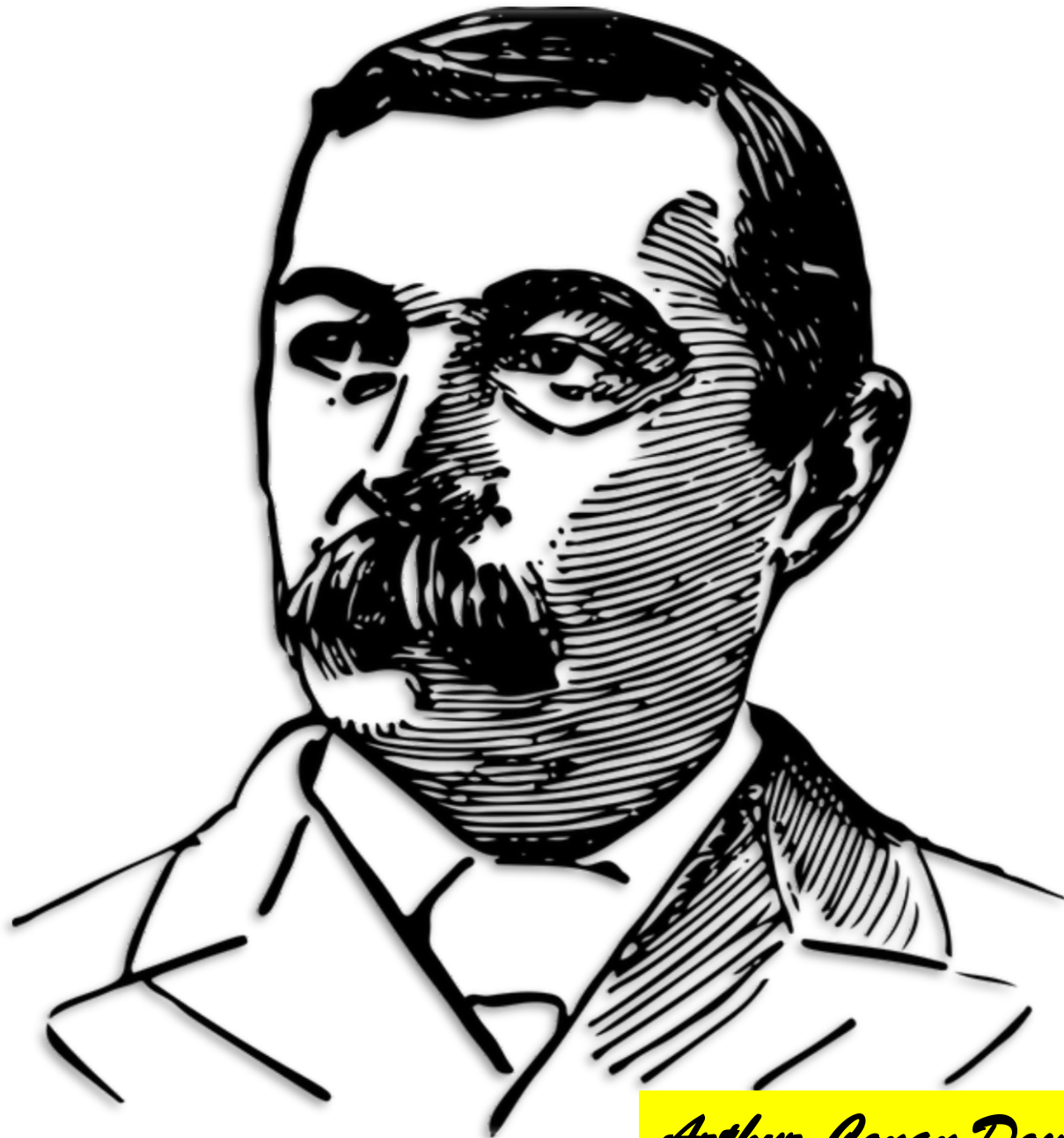


Charles Dickens

**SOME VICTORIAN NAMES HAVE NOW ALL BUT
DIED OUT.**



Gertie Millar



Arthur Conan Doyle

GERTIE, AGNES, CONSTANCE, CYNTHIA, EDNA,
FANNY AND MAUDE ARE RARELY HEARD OF IN
MODERN-DAY CHILDREN WHEREAS THE NAMES
POLLY, AMELIA, ELLIE, LUCY AND MOLLY HAPPILY
LIVE ON.





Frederick Daniel Hardy

LOUIS, MERIWEATHER, GUS, FREDERICK AND RAYMOND ARE RARE IN MODERN-DAY INFANT BOYS BUT JACK, JAKE, WILLIAM, TOM AND HAROLD (HARRY) ARE AS POPULAR AS EVER.



SO, WE HAVE COMPLETED TOPIC # 117 IN OUR SERIES...

IN TOPIC # 118, WE WILL BE LOOKING AT FAMOUS WOMEN DURING THE VICTORIAN PERIOD.



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