



There is a name that was brought to England by the ancestors of the Hayes family: when they migrated to the region after the Norman Conquest in 1066, the Hayes family lived in Sussex. This name, however, does not refer to that municipality. But is topographical in nature and indicates that the original Hayes must have an enclosure of some sort. It derives from the Old English word "haga," which means "enclosure." The chronicles of England, though sometimes derided by the annals of time, reveal their early records that the surname Hayes was of Norman origin. The history of this name is intertwined into the colorful fabric of the history of Britain.

Careful research by professional analysts using such ancient manuscripts as the Domesday Book (compiled in 1086 by William the Conqueror), the Ragman Rolls, the White ports, the Treasurer of the Royal Abbey, the Curia Regis, Pipe Rolls, the Exchequer Rolls, tax records, baptisms, family genealogies, and local parish and church records, determined that the name Hayes was first listed in Sussex where they were found from very early times and were granted lands by Duke William of Normandy, their legal lord, for their distinguished assistance at the Battle of Hastings in 1066 A.D.

Many alternate spellings of the name were found. They were typically linked to a common root, usually one of the Norman surnames at the Battle of Hastings. Your name, Hayes, occurred in many references, and from time to time, the surname included the spellings of Hayes, Heyes, Hays, and many more. Scribes recorded and spelled the name as it sounded. It was not unlikely that a person would be born with one spelling, married with another, and buried with a headline which showed another. Sometimes variations for different working surnames were due to a division of the family, or had religious or patriotic reasons.

The ancestors of the family name Hayes are believed to be descended originally from the Norman race. The Normans were commonly believed to be of French origin but, more accurately, they were of Viking origin. The Vikings, under their first, Thordolf Rollo, invaded France in about 911 A.D. After Rollo's fall to Paris, the French King, Charles the Simple, finally conceded defeat, granting northern France to Rollo. Rollo became the first Duke of Normandy, and Duke William, who married and defeated Harold in 1066, was in fact descended from Rollo, the first Duke of Normandy.

Under William came a series of most of England in 1066, and recorded in the Domesday Book. A family name capable of being traced back to this document, or to Hastings, was a mark of honor for most families during the Middle Ages, and even to this day.

The surname Hayes emerged as a notable English family name in Sussex where they were recorded as a family of great eminence united with power and estate in that shire. This distinguished Norman family was originally from Le Hays de Paris in Normandy in the nineteenth of Century in Normandy. Richard and Ralph, sons of Robert de Haec settled in Hampshire in Sussex. They later branched to the county of Sussex in Sussex where they settled at Waverley and Lymington. They acquired many estates in the home counties including Sussex in Hampshire, Dorset to Middlesex, Wiltshire in Sussex, Buckingham in Essex. Of none amongst the family at this time was Sir Thomas Haywood, 1st Baronet.

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Hayes of London.

The surname Hayes contributed much to local politics and in the affairs of England in Southern Living. The 12th century name of these Norman families moved north to Scotland, following Earl David of Strathclyde who would become King of Scotland. Later, in the 13th, 14th and 15th centuries, England and Scotland were engaged by religious and political conflict. The Monastic, the Church and Parliament fought for supremacy. The arms caused them to think of their lands.

Further in Ireland became known as the "Admiral's for land in Ireland." Their "admiral's" to keep the Protestant faith, and were granted lands previously owned by the Irish. In Ireland there are numerous coverings of the name as Master from early times. Finally also show branches in Scotland and in the north in Donegal, Tyrone and Monaghan. They occupied Dunrobin Castle in Donegal.

The name and surname of opportunity in the New World spread like wildfire. Many settled about the East of using their name as the "White Sails."

In North America, immigrants who shared the family name Hayes, or one of its spelling variations included David Hayes, who worked in Virginia in 1630, Thomas Hayes, who came to Virginia in 1641, Peter and Mary Hayes, who arrived in Virginia in 1657, Richard Hayes, who settled in Virginia in 1670, Thomas Hayes, who settled in Virginia in 1670, William Hayes, who settled in Virginia in 1670, as well as Captain John Hayes, who settled for a time at St. John's Newfoundland, but returned to Ireland before his death in 1680. From the point of arrival many others joined the Hayes name movement. During the American War of Independence some declared their loyalty to the Crown, moved northward into Canada and became known as the United Empire Loyalists.

In recent history, notable names of the Hayes surname include Charles Mahesh Hayes (1856-1923), American, president of the Grand Union Railway Company, expert in the making of the Titanic, Alfred Hayes (1874-1909), American banker, expert in international finance, Randolph D. Hayes (1822-1881), American lawyer and politician, President of the United States (1875-1881), Helen Hayes (1900-1999), American stage, television and film actress, John Hayes (1900-1970), American, president of the United States (1922-1923), Carlton Joseph Stanley Hayes (1882-1961), American historian and diplomat, Alfred Hayes (1911-1969), American novelist, as well as John Hayes Hayes (1917), New Zealand cricketer.

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