

Aventurian Names Preview

This is a preview of the upcoming book *Aventurian Names*, your source for personal and family names and an invaluable guide to the rules of nomenclature in Aventuria. When you need a name, whether for a valiant hero, a despicable villain, a legendary weapon, or even a cherished animal companion, reach for *Aventurian Names*!

The sections presented here cover names for characters from Bornland and the Warring Kingdoms (Nostria and Andergast).

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Bornland



"Yasinde, have you heard? The Jannerloffs named their new daughter Nadshenka. Only a month old and cute as a button. But her name sounds too...Norbardic...for my tastes, if I may say so."

-Shopkeeper Gari Grumpen to a good friend, Festum, 1037 FB

The Garethi spoken in Bornland is peppered with foreign terms, so Nivese- or Norbardic-sounding names are not uncommon here. Most people have first and last names, although serfs are an exception. They often carry no family name, and if they ever go abroad and need a more accurate designation for any reason, they call themselves after their place of origin.

Abbreviated or shortened first names, like Danja, Thila, Elko, and Ugo, are popular in Bornland. Pet names are formed by inserting *-ja*, *-ka*, or *-sha* at or near the end of a name. For example, Matjev becomes *Matjesha*, Maline becomes *Malinka*, and Elwine becomes *Elwinka* or *Elwinja*.

Nobles prefer to combine family names with hyphens, the results of which run the gamut from pompous, to menacing, and even to the ridiculous. Even so, a traveler would be wise not to laugh in a bornnjar's face if his name happens to sound funny in the traveler's native tongue...

Heroes and Saints: Anshag of Goldencourt (last Marshal of the Theater Knights), Festo of Aldyra (dragon slayer, founder of Festum and Neersand), Linjan of Elenau (victor of the holy pilgrimage, leader of the Bornish contingent in the campaign against Haffax), Nadjesha of Lionsford (current Noble Marshal), Rondragabund of Riedemer (Theater Knight and saint (weapons) in the Church of Rondra), Thesia of Ilmenstone (former Noble Marshal and heroine in the struggle against Borbarad), Urnislav of Uspiau (archmage)

First Names (f): Alinja, Alwinje, Baernja, Bernischa, Danja, Dorlin, Duna, Dunjascha, Eljascha, Elkwine, Elmjescha, Firunja, Frinja, Gari, Geertja, Grimje, Gritten, Gudwinja, Helvja, Hesinja, Ifirinja, Ilmjesha, Irinja, Isidra, Jadvice, Janne, Jassia, Jedwinja, Jella, Karinja, Kundra, Leudara, Libussa, Luta, Lysminja, Maline, Marissja, Marja, Moschane, Nadjesha, Nadshenka, Nessa, Nushinja, Olja, Paale, Peraenja, Peranka, Rabesha, Rassia, Rihinja, Rowena, Rowinja, Rudwisha, Selwine, Sewjesha, Sulja, Tesbinja, Thesia, Thila, Tineke, Tjeika, Travjescha, Turiken, Ulmjesha, Urjelke, Vanjesha, Verisja, Vestissja, Warja, Winja, Wolpjane, Wulfjasha, Xinja, Yadwinja, Yasinde, Zidonje

First Names (m): Albin, Anshag, Arvid, Baerjan, Baerow, Berschin, Birjev, Bornjeff, Bosjev, Boutsen, Daanje, Dabbert, Damian, Danow, Duchjo, Dulgev, Dunjev, Dunjosha, Elkwine, Elko, Elkwine, Ertzel, Firnjan, Firunjev, Fredo, Galjan, Goljev, Grimjan, Hane, Helmjev, Hurdo, Iber, Ilmin, Irjan, Ishtan, Jaakon, Jarlow, Jasper, Joost, Joschin, Jucho, Kolkja, Larjan, Leomar, Linjan, Littjev, Ljasew, Ljubow, Maris, Matajev, Meljow, Mew, Miljan, Mjesko, Nasjan, Neerjan, Neesdan, Olko, Orschin, Oswin, Panek, Pedder, Peraenjow, Pettar, Pitjow, Pjerov, Rowin, Rudjev, Semkin, Stane, Suschin, Tannjev, Thezmar, Tirulf, Torjin, Travin, Ugo, Ulmjan, Ulm(j)ew, Uriel, Urnislav, Vigo, Vito, Wassjev, Wolpje, Wulfen, Wulfjev, Xebbert

Family Names: Alatzter, Alwinnen, Arauken, Baerensen, Baerov, Bornski, Brinnske, Dappersjen, Dobelsteen, Donsemkin, Drulgosh, Ebersen, Eelkinnen, Elksen, Elmsjen, Firnske, Firunkis, Gartimski, Gerbensen, Gerberov, Grumpen, Hinske, Hollerov, Ilmensen, Ilumkis, Jannerloff, Jannske, Juchski, Karenkis, Karjensen, Krushin, Kunzke, Laikis, Larinow, Luminoff, Meskinske, Miljes, Muselken, Nagragski, Notjes, Ouwensen, Parenkis, Peddersen, Peddersjepen, Pershoff, Pushinske, Puspersen, Rodensen, Ruderov, Salderken, Schorkin, Sewerski, Surjeloff, Sivering, Sjepensen, Stipkow, Stoorrebrandt, Timpki, Tuljow, Turjeleff, Ulmensen, Ulmski, Walroder, Walsareff, Walsjakow, Wolpjes, Wulfski

Noble Names: Aringen, Barelysevenducumbers, Blossomfield, Brintree, Cherrydale, Dotzen, Elkauen, Erbarmen, Eschenfurt, Hinz, Ilmenstone, Krempelow, Larsach, Needmark, Plötzingen, Salderkeim, Sevenducumbers, Shosko, Springdark Treie, Wosna



Nostria

"Ablosion Vestvind of Dyckmoor. Phex be damned, they even lovingly call him Blowie! I've heard that the Nostrians are old-fashioned, but that's no name for a knight! That's an insult! And it doesn't help that he pompously refers to himself as Rondrest."

-Carolan Calavanti, Vinsaltan vagabond, modern

As with their neighbors in the kingdom of Andergast, Nostrians favor traditional names that have been in use for centuries. Nobles, especially, have a predilection for adopting pompous, (allegedly) important-sounding names and titles.

Only city dwellers and those who live in larger settlements favor using last names. Those who live in the forest wilderness or on the dwelling mounds on the Sea of Seven Winds are content to add their place of origin or profession to their name, as needed. Those who can trace their ancestry to the first settlers still bear their family name with pride. It can be an entirely different situation when one comes into a fortune. A family such as *Knacker* can call itself *Destrier*, while Kasimir Cobbler can secretly change his name to Oldclothestrader.

Heroes and Saints: Asquenzio (Nostrian legend who killed the dragon Karmunir), Dorlen (saint of the Church of Rahja, reconciled the warring armies before the gates of Joborn with Rahja's Love Light), Elida of Salta (patron saint of fishers and seafarers who, despite the Nameless Days, sailed a shipload of wheat to Brabak with Efferd's blessing), Fringlas Kasmyrin (legendary founder of the kingdom), Yolande II Kasmyrin (queen of Nostria, mage)

First Names (f): Aaraloth, Andariane, Asmodette, Belenoleth, Brealetha, Caristhea, Delusia, Elida, Elysmine, Elysthea, Firunette, Franiane, Helasine, Ingvaline, Islavia, Jelpeth, Jolantha, Kasmyra, Linai, Lynia, Noralettha, Nostriane, Ronaya, Satuwinia, Selma, Senebiane, Thalania, Tommeliane, Triumphina, Urmeline, Yasmina, Zanya

First Names (m): Ablasion, Alrikas, Andaryn, Basilio, Bosper, Dolferius, Droderon, Esindio(n), Franio, Frenglion, Fringlas, Gasparyn, Haldoryn, Halvorion, Ingvalion, Jasper, Karmo, Kasimir, Kasparbald, Linnerian, Linneweber, Murro, Niobald, Ornibian, Orasilas, Pipo, Polter, Praineryn, Salvyron, Sapertyn, Toran, Travino, Urfaran, Waldmiryn

Family Names: Brachinger, Bramhusen, Damme, Darbhork, Destrier, Dikebuilder, Deickmoler, Elgeryn, Fangeysen, Garsinger, Halliger, Hugendam, Ingvaler, Kirschner, Köpenvind, Koynor, Krennelsiek, Liekenstek, Linneweber, Needfink, Nietendeeler, Oldclothestrader, Onderbruk, Oskin, Pernstyn, Riedner, Riethard, Rikvard, Salzerin, Siebenackern, Styper, Theuermeel, Tryming, Turner, Viskoppen, Visserad, Wilmhold, Wirth

Noble Names: Ansfinion, Eichenschlag, Deepenbrook, Fennling, Gishtreyter, Hyttenhau, Ingvalsrohden, Moormeadows, Oakenstrike, Ornibian, Rheideryan, Salis, Sapstem, Terpcastle, Tommelford, Treebrook, Vestvind, Wyrmblood

Syllable List

First Names (f): Ada(ri)-, Al(g)-, Ala(ra)-, Amen-, Ara-, Asmo-, Bal-, Bele(na)-, Brin-, Caris, Dali(d)-, Deich-, Delu-, Effer(d)-, Eli-, Elys-, Fenn-, Finn-, Firu-, Fran(i)-, Ger(t)-, Gir-, Gyl(t), Hara-, Hela-, Ingva-, Isla-, Jels-, Jo-, Kas(my)-, Lys-, Mar-, Mis(a)-, Nora-, Nori-, Nos(tri)-, Nuri-, Pera(n)-, Ro-, Sel-, Sene(bi)-, Thala-, Tomme, Travi(e)-, Tr(i)um-, Urme-, Wili-, Yan(n), Yas-, Yn- // ai, ane, bet(h), da, dette, dis, fine, ike, je, lais, landa, lant(h)a, leth(a), lia(n)e, linde, lind(i)a, lin(k)e, loth, ke, mai, mina, mine, nai(a), nia, nette, nke, pet(h), ra(i), rike, s(i)a, sin(e), thea, tje, tris, vi(n)a

First Names (m): Ab(la)-, Al(rik)-, Anda-, An(s)-, Arn-, Belen(o)-, Bla-, Boes-, Cordo-, Deich, Dike-, Dro(de)-, El-, Fenn-, Ferd(i)-, Fren(g)-, Frin(g)-, Gaspa-, Haldo-, Ingva-, Kar-, Kas(i)-, Kaspar, Linn(e)-, Mo-, Nio-, Ora(s)-, Orni-, Per-, P(e)rain-, Rig-, Rod(e)-, Rud(e)-, Salvy-, Saper-, To, Tomme-, Travi-, Urfa-, Valto-, Wald- // bald, bian, bio(n), eryn, finion, fold, gar, grimm, las, lian, lion, mir(yn), mo, myr(d)in, no, r(i)an, ri(c)k, rigion, r(i)on, ryn, silas, sion, sius, tyn, val, van, vert, win

Family Names: Brach-, Bram-, Darb-, Deick-, Elg(e)-, Gar(s)-, Hugen-, Koepen-, Krennel-, Lieken-, Riet-, Rik-, Try-, Wilm- // dam(m), dike, hart, holt, husen, inger, ming(er), moler, ryn, siek, stek, vard, vind, wind

Andergast



"The royal tournament in Andergast is something you gotta see, my lord! Knights like Bogumislaus Jindrich Bearvalley of Andrafall or Sumudan Rothshield of Thuransfenn will be riding against each other!"

-Squire Dietgar Krück to a traveler, modern

Traditional names are particularly popular in the Warring Kingdoms, even though strangers often consider such names unwieldy and awkward. Instead of naming a son or daughter after the current ruler, an acquaintance, or even a stranger, people name their children after ancestors. Names with references to the earthmother, Sumu, are popular with nobles and commoners alike.

Many Andergastans prefer to use terms of endearment or abbreviations in everyday life. In this manner, names like Olderich shorten to *Olde*, and Trautgold becomes simply *Traute*.

Commoners rarely possess family names and thus usually call themselves after their place of origin: Osgar of Andrafall, Gerbald of the Forest, or Holde of Shovelfarm. Yeomen and townsfolk usually wear their last names as proudly as nobles wear theirs. Outside of towns, especially, women commonly adopt the family name of their husband and then add an -ess. For example,

when Marik Oakinger weds his sweetheart, Mila, she becomes known as *Mila Oakingeress*.

Heroes and Saints:

Andra Zornbold (wife of the kingdom's founder, Argos; she sacrificed herself for the good of the people), Arbogast the Old (mighty druid and wise guardian of the forest), Argos Zornbold (legendary founder of the kingdom), Dorlen (saint of the Church of Rahja, united the warring armies before the gates of Joborn with Rahja's Love Light), Wendelmir VI Zornbold (king of Andergast)

First Names (f): Andela, Andra, Arnhild, Asumudette, Berga, Birscl, Domela, Dorota, Erlgard, Farnlieb, Fira, Freilinde, Gerswide, Gundel, Hadwiga, Hilda, Holdtraude, Ifirngund, Ildaria, Irmela, Koscha,

Kunhuta, Larja, Ludmila, Marmelunde, Mina, Mirnhild, Nia, Silvana, Sumiana, Suminella, Treshka, Trautgold, Traviane, Rusena, Varena, Waldegund, Wendeline

First Names (m): Andraus, Arnbold, Bogumil, Bogumislaus, Borkfried, Depold, Detter, Eichbald, Eichward, Erlmann, Eulrich, Firunislaus, Firunz, Gartwald, Gerwulf, Gilm, Gosthelm, Gwinnling, Havel, Holmar, Jagoslaus, Jindrich, Krusold, Ludewich, Marik, Mispert, Odoring, Ogo, Olderich, Osgar, Oswald, Seff(e)l, Steinrich, Strammgert, Sumudan, Sumudor, Trogar, Ulfried, Urichslaus, Wendemar, Wendolyn, Wengelyn, Wenzeslaus, Zoltan

Family Names: Alikshuber, Birgeltree, Bodiak, Borkmeister, Cleaver, Cowfarmer, Dreuber, Fassbender, Joborner, Karden, Krück, Meeltheuer, Oakinger, Oxenbrecht, Pigkeep, Peutler Rafter, Roskop, Saddlehuber, Seffelgruber, Seggenmouth, Straub, Tannhauser, Wenzelin, Woodcutter, Woodbind, Wulfen, Zibbelgruber

Noble Names: Bearvalley, Beechmeadow, Billigen, Borksprings, Deepengorge, Egeling, Kolburg, Lionground, Longford, Otternpfot, Realmsteps, Redtree, Rothschild, Schönbürg, Stoneoakwatch, Tatzenhain, Tremorrock, Zornbold

Syllable List

First Names (f): Adal-, Al-, A(r)n-, Doro-, Erd-, Erl-, Erm-, Far(n)-, Ger(s)-, Had-, Hild-, Hildi, Hilm-, Hold-, Ifir(n)-, Ilda-, Immen-, In-, Inge-, Irmen-, Lud-, Kun-, Mirn-, Ro(t)-, Ru-, Sil-, Sumu-, Trave-, Travi-, Va-, Wal(d)-, Wende-// ana, ane, dela, eria, gard(a), gart, gret(e), gund(e), hild(e), huta, lieb, lind(e), line, mila, mine, neld(a), purga, rada, rella, rena, ria, rike, sena, seni, ta, traud(e), traute, trud(e), vana, wena, wid(e), wiga, wige, wind(e)

Last Names (m): Adal-, Al-, An(d)-, Ar(g)-, Arn-, Bar(n)-, Bartis-, Bear-, Bins-, Bir(n)-, Biro, Blat-, Blathis-, Blatt-, Bogu-, Bork-, Boro-, De-, Die(t)-, Edel-, El-, Emmer-, Erl-, Eul-, Firn-, Firunis-, Forest-, Gas-, Ger-, Gilm-, Gis-, Gost-, Hart-, Hol-, Hos-, Jago(s)-, Jin(d)-, Jo-, Kru-, Ladis-, Lude-, Mar-, Mis-, Oak-, Od(e)-, Odo-, Ol-, Olde-, Oldi-, Os-, Se-, Stanis-, Stein(is)-, Sumu-, Tro-, Uhl-, Ul(l)-, Uri-, Urich(s)-, Wende(l)-, Wendo-, Wenge-, Wenze(s)-, Yarus-// bald, bart, bert, bold, bolf, brand, brecht, erich, fing, fr(i)ed, gar, ganz, gor, gos, grimm, hard, helm, laus, lin, lyn, mann, mar, mil, mislaus, pert, pold, ran, rat, r(a)us, rich, rik, ring, ruk, sold, wald, ward, wein, wich, wulf

Family Names: Alriks-, Birgel-, Bork-, Cow-, Oak-, Oxen-, Ros(s)-, Seff(e)l-, Segge(n)-, Tann- Wood-, // farmer, brecht, gruber, hauser, huber, inger, kop(p), meister, mouth, tree, wald, wall

