



Surname: "HALL"

Origen: Irish

Motto: "jacta est alea" – "the die is cast" – "what's done is done"

Meaning:

This ancient surname generally considered to be Anglo-Scottish, has several possible sources. These are that it may be a topographical name for someone who lived at or near a large house called a Hall, or that it could be an occupational name for a person who was employed at such a place. In this case the derivation can be either from the Olde English pre 7th Century word "heall", or the Old German and later Anglo-Saxon "halla", or even the Old Norse-Viking "holl". All have the same meaning of a large house or building. However it can also be a locational surname from any of the places called Hall. These include the villages of Hall in the counties of Lancashire, Carmarthenshire, and Roxburghshire. Early examples of the surname recording taken from surviving rolls and charters include: Nichol del Hall, given as being a "merchant of the duke of Albany" in the year 1400, and William de Hall, who held lands in Irvine, Scotland, in 1426. John Hall, who was born in Kent in 1584, immigrated to New England in 1632, and founded a notable American family. His descendants included Lyman Hall, a signatory of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, Asaph Hall an early astronomer, and Stanley Hall, a pioneer in psychophysics. The first recorded spelling of the family name is shown to be that of Warin de Halla. This was dated 1178, in the "Pipe Rolls" of the county of Essex, during the reign of King Henry 11nd of England, 1154 - 1189. Surnames became necessary when governments introduced personal taxation. In England this was sometimes known as Poll Tax. Throughout the centuries, surnames in every country have continued to "develop" often leading to astonishing variants of the original spelling.

Spelling Variations:

Spelling variations of this family name include: Hall, Halle, Haule, Haul, Hal, De Aule and others.

Some Notable individuals of the "Hall" surname (post 1700)

Lyman Hall (1724-1790), American physician, clergyman, and statesman, signer of the United States Declaration of Independence, Governor of Georgia (1783-1784)

Brian Hall (1946-2015), Scottish footballer

James Hall (1808-1890), Scottish engineer and inventor famous for his development of the steam hammer

Donald Andrew Hall Jr. (1928-2018), American poet, writer, editor and literary critic, awarded the Robert Frost Medal (1991), U.S. Poet Laureate (2006)

Harvey L. Hall (1941-2018), American businessman and politician, 25th Mayor of Bakersfield, California (2001-2017)

Benjamin "Ben" Hall (1837-1865), Australian bushranger (escaped convict) who was shot dead by police in May 1865 at Billabong Creek; he was prominent figure in Australian folklore, inspiring bush ballads and films

Lars Christer Hall (1938-2018), Swedish advertiser and art director

Roe Erister "Rick" Hall (1932-2018), American record producer, songwriter, music publisher, and musician best known as the owner of FAME Studios in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, winner of the Grammy Trustees Award in 2014

Jeffrey C. Hall (b. 1945), American geneticist and chronobiologist, co-awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (2017)

Sir Peter Reginald Frederick Hall CBE (1930-2017), English theatre, opera and film director, artistic director of Glyndebourne Festival Opera (1984–1990), founding director of the Rose Theatre, Kingston in 2003

