When a student came to my office to introduce himself as Roy King, my onomastic perception quotient was immediately activated; I realized that what I had here was a prime example of an onomastic tautology. For the cognoscenti, further explanation of this is probably not necessary, but as I often find myself in the ranks of the incognoscenti, let me explain that even though the words have different linguistic origins, they denote the same idea and have the same meaning. (Roy is French or Anglo-Norman for "King").

This example got me thinking as to how many other names there were that fit into this category of name-meaning duplication. Only having one example to go on, I have constructed this mythical list of names with the suspicion that there are probably people out there who have some of them.

SYLVIA WOODS       STEPHEN CROWN
PAUL KLEIN (little)  BARBARA WALSH (stranger)
GEORGE FARMER       VICTOR NICHOLLS
RACHEL AGNEW (lamb)  NIGEL BLACK
WAYNE CARTER        MERLE CORBETT (crow)
MAGNUS GRANT (big)   GAVIN SMITH
MARGARET PEARL      FLOYD GREY
GLENN DUVAL (valley) KENNETH BEAUREGARD (handsome)
CYRIL LORD          GWEN WHITE
MARTIN KELLY (warrior) BRIAN STRONG
SUSAN LILLY         CALVIN BALLARD (bald)
SHERLOCK WHITEHEAD  HILARY BLYTHE (cheerful)

Ames, W., What Shall We Name the Baby (Simon & Schuster, 1963)
Friedman, F., What's in a Name (Scholastic Book Services, 1975)
Hanks, Patrick & Hodges, Flavia, A Dictionary of First Names (Oxford, 1992)
Harrison, Henry, Surnames of the United Kingdom, Genealogical Publishing Company, 1969)
Hook, J.N., All Those Wonderful Names (John Wiley & Sons, 1991)
Stewart, George R., American Given Names (Oxford, 1979)