

A CHECKLIST OF TRANSPOSABLE PEOPLE

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Names such as Gary Gray and Edna Dean have been a frequent topic in Word Ways. Here is a checklist summarizing who is known to exist (asterisks denoting new discoveries). Most can be found in the various editions of national telephone directories on CD-ROM, such as PhoneDisc; (numbered) sources for others are noted. In all cases actual names are reported, with reasonable inferences given in parentheses.

Ah Ha*, Albert Bartel, Albert Bartle 1, Albert Tabler 1, Alex (Alexander?) Alexandre*, Amy May, Amy Yam*, Andre Nader*, Andrew Wander 1, Andrew Warden 1, Angel Negal 6(Aug 96), Anne Enna*, Arnold Roland 1, Ashley Halsey 4, Ashley Shealy*

Bertha Bather 1, Brenda Barden*, Brian Rabin*, Brion Robin*, Bryan Barny, Bryon Robyn*

Carol Carlo*, Charles Chasler*, Chas (Charles?) Schaler*, Chas Cash*, Christina Christian 1, Clay Lacy*, Cleo Cole, Colin Nicol 3

Dale Deal, Danl (Daniel?) Delain*, Daniel (Danny?) Dylan*, Daren Nerad, David (Dave?) Veda*, Dawn Nwad, Daymon Monday, Dean Aden*, Debra Bader, Debra Beard, Dena Dean*, Dolly Lloyd 1, Donna Andon*, Doris Sidor 1, Dorothy (Dot?) Tod

Earl Aler 1, Earl Lear, Earl Real 1, Ed De*, Edith (Edie?) Eide 7, Edna Aden 1, Edna Dane, Edna Dean, Edna Nead 1, Ellen (Elly?) Lyle*, Elmer Merle 1, Elsa Sale, Emery Meyer*, Emil Meli*, Emorb Brome 8, Emory Moyer*, Eric Cire, Eric Rice, Erich Reich, Ernest Nester 1, Ernest Senter 1, Ernie (Ernest?) Sterne*, Erwin Winer* 1, Ernst Stern* 1, Est Tse, Esther Hester 1, Esther Sheret* 1, Etta Tate*, Evan Nave 9

Faoa Afoa 3, Flow Wolf, Forest Foster 1, Fred Derf

Gary Gray, Gerald Legard*, Gerard Regard*, Glen Leng, Giles Selig 10, Gorman Morgan 1

Halsey Ashley 1, Hank Kahn, Henry Herny*, Henry Rhyne*, Herman Hamner 1

Iram Mair*

Jane Jean*, Jason Jonas, Jean Jane 3, Jeffery Jeffrey*, Jeffrey Jeffery*

Karen Arken*, Karen Kaner*, Karen Krane*, Karen Nerak, Karl Klar*, Karl Lark, Katharine (Kate?) Keat*, Kavon Novak 11, Ko Ok*, Kris Sirk, Kroy York 7, Kura Karu 3

Lani Lain*, Leah Hale, Lena Lane, Lena Lean, Lean Neal*, Leonard (Leo?) Loe, Leonard Renaldo 1, Leonardo Loredano 6(Aug 86), Lewis Wiles, Linda Ladin*, Linda Landi*, Lionel O'Neill, Lisle Ellis, Lon Nol 12, Lula Aull 1, Lydia Daily 1

Malcolm (Mal?) Lam*, Marba Abram 13, Marc Cram, Margaret (Marg?) Gram, Maria Amari*, Marie Maire 1, Marion Mainor*, Marion Marino 1, Mark Kram, Mary Mayr 1, Mary Army* 1, May Amy 1, Merrill Miller 1, Merle Elmer 1, Mi Im*, Mike (Michael?) Michale*, Mike Keim, Michael (Mike) Kime*, Mildred Middler 1, Mona Amon*, Mona Oman 3, Morgan Gorman 1, Mua Mau 3

Nancy (Nan?) Ann*, Neal Lane, Nebelow Woleben 13, Nedra Arden, Neil Lien, Nella Allen, Niel Lien*, Nile Lien, Noel Leon, Norabel Lebaron 14, Norma Moran, Norma Roman 1, Nu Un*

Oh Ho* 9, Ok Ko*, Opal Lapo 13, Oren Nero

Patricia (Pat?) Apt*, Paul Lupa*, Paul Pula*, Percy Price* 1, Pete Tepe*, Peter Petre*

Raed Dear 7, Ramon Moran 1, Ramon Roman 1, Ray Ary*, Reba Baer 1, Reldan Nalder, Renaldo Leonard*, Revilo Oliver 5, Reyd Dyer 2, Robert (Rob?) Bor, Robert Borter*, Robin Brion*, Rodney (Rod?) Ord, Roland Arnold 1, Romeo Moore, Ronald (Ron?) Orn*, Ronald Arnold 1, Ronald Roland 1, Ronaldo Orlando*, Ronnoc Connor 13, Rose Roes*, Ruth Hurt

Sarah Haras, Sean Sena*, Selim Miles 7, Shane Hanes*, Simi Misi 3, Sirrah Harris 6(Nov 87), Sirron Norris, Sivad Davis 7, Steve Evets, Steven Nevets 15, Stewart (Stew?) West, Sydney Yendys 16

Teresa Easter 1, Troy Tyro*

Urban Braun*

Vera Rave 1

Walter Lawter 1, Warner Warren 1, Warren Warner 1

SOURCES

- 1 Nationwide Death Index for Social Security 1930-93
- 2 PhoneDisc (various editions, mainly June 1995)
- 3 New Zealand Electoral Rolls
- 4 Who's Who in America, 1980-81
- 5 Guinness Book of World Records

- 6 Word Ways
- 7 Switchboard, an Internet Server (from Dan Tilque)
- 8 Names, by Paul Dickson
- 9 Telephone Directories (Austin Texas 1995; Hong Kong or Singapore?)
- 10 Pseudonym of Joseph S Thompson, author of *The Miracle and Other Verses*
- 11 *First Names First*, by Leslie Dunkling
- 12 *Current Biography Yearbook, 1974*, by C. Moritz
- 13 *Treasury of Name Lore*, by Elsdon C Smith
- 14 *Adventures of a Verbivore*, by Richard Lederer
- 15 Fictitious name on door in a *New Yorker* cartoon, 1982
- 16 Webster's Second Edition (A Pronouncing Biographical Section)

HIDDEN ACROSTIC MESSAGES

In the Introduction to *Bombaugh's Oddities and Curiosities of Words and Literature* (Dover Publications, 1961), Martin Gardner cites a poem that Sam Loyd included in his *Cyclopedia of Puzzles* which the editor of a Cincinnati newspaper unwittingly printed. Written by a disgruntled rival editor, the initial letters spelled out "The editor of the Star in the West is a jackass".

In the 1960s, Bell System engineer Albert B. Iardella contributed to a book entitled *Western Electric and the Bell System: A Survey of Service*. He believed that he should be listed on the title page as author rather than editor, but management refused. However, Iardella had the last word, inserting the following sentence on page 31 which escaped the editorial pencil: "Moreover, regarding audio breakthroughs in all respects, dependable engineering let life's activities have impact surprising by one's ordinary knowledge". Of course, he told his friends how he had put one over on Bell Labs management; word finally got back to them, and as a result he was reportedly fired!