MIDDLE NAMES

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For the purpose of this article, a middle name is a given name that can be centered in a dictionary word—the longer, the better. Two-letter names such as ED, AL and JO can always be embedded (feEDer, deALer, banJOist), and I do not consider them further. Below is a type collection of nearly one hundred middle names of three or more letters; no doubt readers can add more. Six-letter names are hard to embed, and there is only one-seven-letter example. Often, one encounters agonizing near-misses like sCARLet, ePAULet and mAGNESia. I am indebted to the editor for adding a number of names to the list.

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