

WHO'S THAT AGAIN?

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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	HILLARY BLYTHE (cheerful)

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