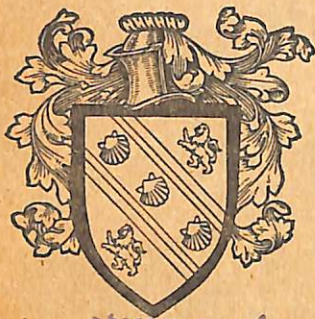


de Bohun

Name?



Bohun pronounced Boone

The surname Boone is found in England from the time of the Conquest; and it is most likely that the name is of Norman origin.

The early spelling Bohun comes from La Manche, the northwestern corner of France. In 1086 in the Domesday Book this variant of the name is recorded, when a Bohun received the manor of Talsford. Earls of Hereford, Essex, and Northampton bore this surname of which it is said "Of Herford's high blood he came, a race renom'd for knightly fame." In Essex we find that in 1540 there is a record of a "Boneshal" which in 1604 is listed as a "Bowneshall" and is currently pronounced "Boon's Hall".

In 1275 the name "de Bown" is found in the Hundred Rolls, a listing of property and owners taken at the direction of Edward I in order to locate new sources of revenue to finance his desire for expansion into Scotland and Wales. The same records show a "Boon" in Cambridgeshire in 1279.

In some cases the name may also have been derived from the Anglo-French adjective "le bon" meaning the good person, good companion (boon companion) or one who was handsome. On occasion it may have derived from the Old Norse "buinn" meaning the "ready". In most instances, however, it is considered to be a Place name indicating someone who came from Bohun in France.

The name is found in England predominantly in Staffordshire.

Americans immediately call to mind the famed American pioneer, Daniel Boone, founder of Boonesboro, Ky.

A man called Solomon Boone sailed from a place called Bradnick in Devon, England and arrived in Bristol, Pa., in 1690.

William Jones Boone, an American Bishop was consecrated missionary bishop of Shanghai in 1844. He translated the Prayer Book into Chinese and was one of the people instrumental in the revision of the Chinese translation of the Scriptures. He graduated at the College of South Carolina in 1829 and was admitted to the bar in 1843. He also studied medicine and graduated as M.D.