

Estonia until the 19th century Estonia conquered by crusaders 1227 - The Teutonic Order in the South (Livonia ~ Livland) - Danish kingdom in the North (until 1346) · Reformation 1520s -> Lutheran faith **Livonian War 1558-1583** - South Estonia under Poland (until 1629) - North Estonia Under Sweden Great Northern War 1700-1721 - Estonia conquered by Russia in 1710 German special regime (Lutheran church, German language)



Estonia in the 19th century · German higher class (nobility, merchants, clergymen) Estonian lower class (peasants, servants, factory workers) Serfdom abolished in 1816 (North)-1819 (South) - Peasants became personally free - Land still owned by German landlords and state

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Estonian peasants

- University of Tartu 1632
 - Mostly Germans, a few Estonians until 1860s (later Germanized)
- National awakening since 1860s
- · Farms bought, children educated
- Literacy rate one of the highest in Europe
 - 1840 ca 64% (England ca 65%)
 - 1897 95% (same in England; Italy 48%, Russia 22%)

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Giving surnames to peasants

- South Estonia 1822-1826
- North Estonia 1834-1835
- 70,000 families/groups
- 31,000 different surnames
 - 7,000 in several places
 - 24,000 in one place (to one family)
- In average 5-10 peasants per surname
- England and Wales 1853 35,000-40,000 names (400 persons per name)

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Naming systems

- In Uudeküla manor: Udeberg, Udeküll, Udelep, Udelink, Udemann, Udemetz, ...
- In Ahula (German: Affell) manor: Barkwell, Baumwell, Bierwell, Brakwell, Breiwell, Burgwell, Eichwell, ...
- In Maasi manor: Esmon, Jarmuth, Samir, Sema, Silim, Telem (Joshua 15:24-48)

Most common surnames given

Before general giving of

surnames

Bynames (farm names), ancestral

- Männiku Märt (Märt of Pine-forest-

- Juhani Jaani Madi (Juhan's Jaan's

Few peasants freed from serfdom

Madi = Madi, son of Jaan, grandson

- · Saar 'island; aspen tree; grove'
- Tamm 'oak; dam', < Adam
- Juhanson = Johnson
- · Lepik 'alder grove'
- Sepp 'smith'
- Karu 'bear'

names

farm)

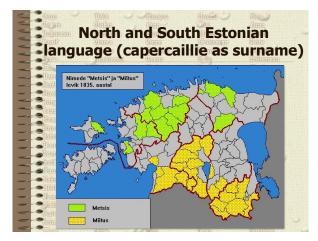
of Juhan)

with surname

- Germanized

- Mägi 'hill'
- Peterson

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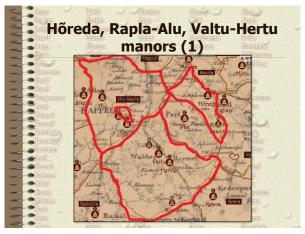
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English surnames? Killing 'shilling' Login < Λογγῖνος Pork '(pine)cone; stick' Must 'black' • Hall 'gray' Zoom < Zoa farm 'currycomb' • Tall 'horse stable' Apart < Apardi farm 'wide open' Puss < Busse < Burghard

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Hõreda, Rapla-Alu, Valtu-Hertu manors (2) · Rapla and Alu manors and Valtu and Hertu manors belonged to count Paul von Tiesenhausen > sold 1828 to the Czar, rented until 1834 In 1835 rented by Horeda manor owner Justine von Rosen's husband Robert von **April 1835 surnames** were given

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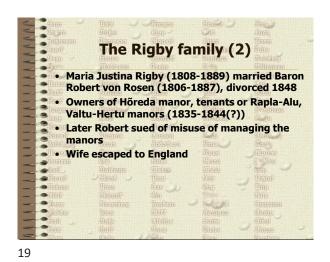
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Bief (in same farm Drink)	Gatterer	Sekkend
Bläck	Gilbert	Skippon
Brass	Grand	Skott
Braun	Horn	Smitt
Brick	Karpenter (in same farm Potter)	Stiel
Buller (manor herd)	Koller	Stoon
Dixson	Littel	Strips
Don (room servant)	Long	<u>Taylor</u>
Duff (in neighbor farm Flaur)	Muddy	Uster Ulster</td
First	Old	Willard

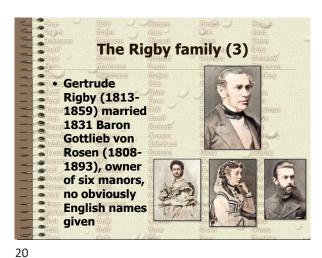


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The Rigby family (4) Anne Rigby (1804-1869) married 1830 with Karl Georg von Wahl (1806-1876), owner of two manors, no obviously **English names given** Wife escaped to England Son Eduard von Wahl (1833-1890), professor of medicine, rector of the University of Tartu, owner of two manors

Lady Eastlake Elisabeth Rigby (1809-1893) Author, art critic, art historian **Husband Sir Charles** Eastlake, director of the National Gallery Close friend of nephew botanist Joseph Dalton Hooker (OM) Trips to Estonia 1838-1841, 1844 22

Lady Eastlake every other resource. One characteristic co equence of this emancipation was the adoption of family names by the peasants, who hitherto, like the Russian serf, had been designated only SHORES OF THE by his own and his father's baptismal appellatives. This accession of dignity was conferred only a few years back, when it cost the lord and lady no little trouble and invention to hunt up the requisite number and variety of names for the tenants of their estates. The gentleman took the dictionary - the lady, Walter Scott, for reference-with us it would



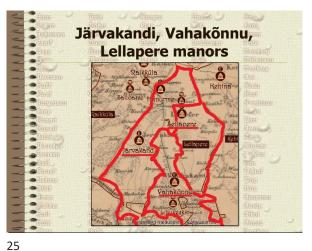
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have been the Bible-and homely German words were given, or old Scottish names revived, which may one day perplex a genealogist. The worst of it was, these poor crea-

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Surnames in Järvakandi etc manors Hamburg Baldisport Lübeck Reval Rostok • Riga • Bristol Walk • London • Werro Wesenberg Lieverpohl +1946 Wolmer Portsmuth • etc.

Home of Otto von Taube

Great uncle Karl Friedrich von Staal (1721-1789), teacher and travel companion of Holstein-Gottorp princes, owner of major art and book collection

Sixth cousin twice removed was king George V

Aunt's husband Adam Johann von Krusenstern (1770-1846), admiral, first Russian circumnavigator

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Prosopographical-territorial research method

• Who were the persons owning, renting, managing, visiting the manor; their background

• Which (neighboring) manors were owned, rented, managed by same persons

• Enables to better explain the etymology of given surnames and to often find out who gave which names to whom



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