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Where did the name rochelle come from? What is their coat of arms/family crest? When did the rochelle family first arrive in the United States? Where did the various branches of the family go? What is the history of the family name?

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rochelle Coat of Arms, Family Crest and Name History

Origin Displayed: English

rochelle is a name of ancient Norman origin. It arrived in England with the Norman Conquest of 1066. The rochelle family lived in either of two locations, one in Buckinghamshire, and one in Somerset. The places were originally called Rockholt, from the elements hroc, meaning rock, and holt meaning wood.

Spelling variations of this family name include: Rockwell, Rokelle, Rockewell, Rokele, Rokewell and others.

First found in Essex where they were seated from very early times and were granted lands by Duke William of Normandy, their liege Lord, for their distinguished assistance at the Battle of Hastings in 1066 A.D.

Some of the first settlers of this family name or some of its variants were: William, Susannah, Ruth and John Rockwell settled in Nantasket in 1630; Thomas Rockwell settled in Virginia in 1637 along with Mary; Edward Rockwell arrived in San Francisco in 1850.

(Above is a small excerpt from our 1800 word history)

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DOMESDAY BOOK: TERMS IN USE

There are three terms found in the Domesday Book which were used to express the amount of land held by each manor, and how well that land was utilized, so as to estimate the annual rates of taxation upon each lord.

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KINGS AND QUEENS OF ENGLAND

Hardecut 1040-1042

Edward the Confessor 1042-1066

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William II (Rufus) 1087-1100

Henry I 1100-1135

Stephen 1135-1154

Henry II 1154-1189

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ENGLISH HUNDRED YEARS WAR

The **Hundred Years' War** began in the reign of **Edward III**, who was the King of England from 1327 to 1377. Edward, who loved knightly pursuits such as war, jousting, tournaments and hunting, surrounded himself with warriors, magnates, and chivalrous knights. The Hundred Years' War broke out as a result of a dispute between Edward and Philip, the French King, over French royal succession.

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BRITONS

The **Britons**, who were one of the ancient races that inhabited medieval England, were subject to Roman invasions since the 1st century BC, when **Julius Caesar** sent expeditions to the island. Under **Claudius**, in 43 AD, the Romans invaded England once again and established the Roman province of *Britannia*. The Romans occupied England for approximately four centuries. They used the Britons in their military enterprises abroad and most of those who remained in Britain were reduced to slavery.

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CORNISH PEOPLE

The Cornish people, who inhabited the southwest of England, have a rich Celtic heritage. Cornwall was originally home to a people known as the **Dumnonians**, who were comprised of three tribes of ancient **Britons** known as the **Veniti**, the **Curiovolitae**, and the **Asismii**. They were akin to their Welsh neighbors to the north, who also spoke a Brythonic Celtic language, and they were the root stock of the **Breton** people, who settled in Brittany in northwestern France in the 4th century.

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CROMWELL AND THE CIVIL WAR

The **English Civil War** of the 1640s was marked by the trial and execution of **King Charles I** and the suspension of the monarchy for a period of eleven years. It was during this revolution, and the subsequent interregnum, that **Oliver Cromwell** became the most influential man in Britain.

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DOMESDAY BOOK: OVERVIEW

The **Domesday Book**, our earliest public record, is a unique survey of the value and ownership of lands and resources in late 11th century England. The record was compiled in 1086-7, a mere twenty years after the Norman Conquest, at the order of **William the Conqueror**. William commissioned the survey at Christmas 1085. Ironically it was the only census of England before 1801.

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KING EDWARD I

After the rebellion of 1296, King Edward I (1239-1307) of England marched north, capturing Berwick and carried on to Aberdeen. There he stripped John Baliol of his crown and carried the **Coronation Stone of Scone** back to England. The **Stone of Scone**, (pronounced "skoon") sometimes called

the **Stone of Destiny** was an extremely important symbol of Scottish heritage and the fact that it was never returned contributed to a strong discomfort between Scotland and England over the many years.

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EARLY YEARS

In the 5th century, when England had only recently been deserted by the Roman legions, the Anglo-Saxons established the independent kingdoms of **Northumbria, Mercia, Wessex, Kent, Essex, Sussex** and **East Anglia**, which were collectively known as the **Heptarchy**. During the 6th and 7th centuries, the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms engaged in heroic battles for military supremacy and were gradually converted to Christianity. After **Augustine's** mission in the late 6th century, English Christianity was consolidated. In the 8th century, the Anglo-Saxons were violently attacked and devastated by the Vikings and by the 9th century, the Vikings sporadic forays into England became a recurring harassment. Also during the 9th century, the country was divided between the four rival kingdoms of Northumbria, Mercia, East Anglia and Wessex, which were later unified by **Egbert, King of Wessex**.

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NORMANS

The Norman people became established in England after the Norman Conquest of 1066. The Normans, or Northmen, were descendants of the Vikings. The Vikings, under **Chief Stirgud the Stout**, invaded the Orkneys and Northern Scotland in the 9th century. A century later, under **Jarl Thorfinn Rollo**, they invaded France. After Rollo laid siege to Paris, the French King **Charles the Simple** conceded defeat and granted northern France to the Vikings. Rollo became the first Duke of Normandy, the territory of the North Men. Duke William who invaded and defeated England in 1066, descended from Rollo.

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HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE

The **Holy Roman Empire** was a loose confederation of central European states that lasted from 962 until 1806. In general, the Empire was characterized by particularism and disunity. It consisted of more than three hundred states of varying size and importance, each sovereign, with its own army and regulations. The Empire was also composed of a diverse array of national groups, which included Danes, Dutch, Flemish, Belgians, Czechs, Swiss and Germans. It also included many religious groups, such as the French Huguenots and Swiss Mennonites, many of whom had come to the German lands after the Reformation to escape religious and ethnic persecution at home.

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NORMAN CONQUEST

The death of **Edward 'the Confessor'**, king of England, initiated a brief period of conflict between the various claimants to his throne that irrevocably changed the country of England. Immediately following the death of Edward, **Earl Harold Godwinson** was elected and coronated king by the English nobility, and he became known as **King Harold II**.

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DEFINITIONS: FAMILY SEAT

A **seat** or **family seat** was the principal manor of a medieval lord, which was normally an elegant country mansion and usually denoted that the family held political and economic influences in the area.

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A BRIEF HISTORY

Many thousands of years ago, in pre-history, England was part of mainland Europe, connected by a land bridge that has subsequently been covered in water and become the English Channel. It is hard to say exactly when man first came to the lands that were to become the British Isles, but it can be said with certainty that Paleolithic tribes were flourishing there by 8000 BC.



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