

MEDIEVAL CATALAN

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NOTES

Catalonia, a territory of Spain falling between Valencia to the South, Aragon to the West, France to the North and the Mediterranean to the East, developed as a culture during the rule of the Counts of Barcelona in the 9th Century, and leaving the French kingdom in the 13th. It was a thriving area of the Mediterranean with its own distinctive flavour.

Catalan is a language with much common to both French and Spanish, and sounds a little like a less lyrical Italian. Like French, J and G are both soft, and C can be also; however, the words do not end silently and the emphasis / pacing of the words is similar to Spanish.

Modern Catalan employs the combination of paternal and maternal names (in that order) seen also in Spanish, separated by a y. However, it may be that this practise was imported from Spanish tradition and law as I have not found any medieval names that follow this pattern.

MALE FORENAMES (15th Century)

1. Francesc
2. Bernat
3. Joan
4. Carles
5. Llorenç
6. Vicens
7. Narcís
8. Benet
9. Bartomeu
10. Gaspar
11. Andreu
12. Jaume
13. Pere
14. Mateu
15. Gil
16. Jacme
17. Martí
18. Miquel
19. Nicolau
20. Celdoni

MALE FORENAMES (12th Century)

1. Alfons
2. Arnau
3. Berenguer
4. Bertran
5. Bonadona
6. Calvet
7. Dalmu
8. Dolcet
9. Ferrer
10. Gilabert
11. Guillem
12. Hug
13. Miró
14. Olivar
15. Pere
16. Perpinyà
17. Ponç
18. Ricart
19. Seguinus
20. Vidal

FEMALE FORENAMES

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| 1. Beatriu* | 11. Eulàlia |
| 2. Geralla* | 12. Francina |
| 3. Anglesa* | 13. Jaumeta |
| 4. Aldinícia | 14. Joana |
| 5. Bartomeua | 15. Margarida |
| 6. Brígida | 16. Maria |
| 7. Caterina | 17. Miquela |
| 8. Elionor | 18. Samuela |
| 9. Elisabet | 19. Segimona |
| 10. Eufràsia | 20. Tecla |

*NB These are 12th Century names, the rest are 15th - female names are underdocumented in the historical record.

SURNAMES (12th Century)

1. Amalric
2. Berenguer
3. de Villagut
4. d'Eures
5. de Rodes
6. Bofill
7. Coqui
8. de Giró
9. de la Sclusa
10. Amat
11. Baró
12. de Muntanyola
13. Salamó
14. de Sargantans
15. Domènec
16. Ermengol
17. Foget
18. de Montrodon
19. Guifre
20. Sumar

SURNAMES (15th Century) 1

1. Fisnerola
2. Queralt
3. Colom
4. Dardarich
5. Puig
6. Gorgoll
7. Canyelles
8. de Cubells
9. Prat
10. Mateu
11. Esteve
12. Domènec
13. Fontanills
14. Palau
15. Paguer
16. Carbó
17. Vilagrassa
18. Muntargull
19. Obradors
20. Nabet

SURNAMES (15th Century) 2

1. Rofreo
2. Roca
3. Paguer
4. Pariquet
5. Moreu
6. Torner
7. Guiscart
8. Torens
9. Sala
10. Parés
11. Mas
12. Gilabert
13. Llorens
14. Rossolló
15. Bosens
16. Lió
17. Barberà
18. Gosceps
19. Reguera
20. Roca

12TH CENTURY PLACE NAMES

1. Balsareny
2. Burgos
3. Collo de Infurcatos
4. Enrens
5. Frontenyà
6. Guardia
7. Lanars
8. Liza
9. Miravet
10. Mulist
11. Pinós
12. Prat
13. Quer
14. Ripoll
15. Roca
16. Roses
17. Sala Cugulada
18. Serra
19. Tarragona
20. Valle

COUNTS OF BARCELONA

1. Berà (801-820)
2. Rampó (820-826)
3. Bernat (826-832)
4. Berenguer (832-835)
5. Bernat (836-844)
6. Sunifred I (844-848)
7. Guillem (848-850)
8. Aleran (850-852)
9. Isembart (850-852)
10. Odalric (852-858)
11. Humfrid (858-864)
12. Bernat (865-878)
13. Guifré I el Pelós (the Hairy) (878-897)
14. Borrell (948-992)
15. Ramon Borrell (992-1018)
16. Berenguer Ramon I el Corbat (the Crooked) (1018-1035)
17. Ramon Berenguer I el Vell (the Old) (1035-1076)
18. Ramon Berenguer II el Cap d'Estopes (the Towhead) (1076-1082)
19. Berenguer Ramon II el Fratricida (the Fratricide) (1076-1097)
20. Ramon Berenguer III (I of Provence) el Gran (the Great) (1082-1131)