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A will may contain more than one person of the same name.

Surnames are indexed as they appear in the wills, with no attempt at modernisation. Variant spellings are grouped together, based on the content of the wills and on *Bedfordshire Wills 1484 – 1533*, Bedfordshire Historical Record Society volume 76.

Commonly occurring Christian names have been abbreviated or standardised thus:

Alex	Alexander, Alysander	Joan	Joan, Joane, Johanne, Jone
Bart	Bartholomew	Kath	Katering, Kateryne, Kateryng, Katheryn, Katering,
Cris	Cristain, Cristian	Law	Laurence, Laurens, Lawrence, Lawrens
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Other Christian names are in full as they appear in the text.

People referred to by Christian name only are indexed at the beginning of the Personal Name Index under the Christian name followed by a descriptor if possible, eg. John: servant of John Smith.

Women whose married surname is not given are indexed under their maiden surname where that can be established.

Priests have been identified by the title accorded to them in the text eg Willis: Sir John. Priest's referred to by their office, or location, are indexed in the Name Index under the no surnames section.

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