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**PERSONAL NAME INDEX**

The number is that of the will. An item 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 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:

Edm	Edmund	Law	Lawrence, Laurens, Lawrens
Edw	Edward	Mgt	Margaret, Margreat, Margret,
Eliz	Elizabeth, Elezabeth, Elesabeth,		Margreta, Marget
	Elsabeth, Elizabeth	Mgy	Margery, Margere
Geo	George	Nich	Nicholas
Hen	Henry	Rich	Richard
Jas	James	Rob	Robert
Jn	John	Rog	Roger
Joan	Joan, Joane, Joanna, Joanne,	Thos	Thomas
	Johanne, Jone	Wm	William

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 this index under the Christian name followed by a descriptor if possible, eg *John: servt of Jn Smyth*.

Women whose married surname is not given and cannot be inferred 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 Jn*; or *Master Jn*. Priests referred to by their office or title only are indexed in the Place Index under the name of the religious house to which they belonged.

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