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"Germanic Naming Scheme"

Sons

1st Son after the father's father

2nd Son after the mother's father

3rd Son after the father

4th Son after the father's oldest brother

5th Son after the father's second oldest brother etc.

The same system applies for girls except that sometimes the oldest daughter was named for the mother's mother and the second daughter was named for the father's mother etc. When a child died, the next child of the same sex was given the same name, so that the pattern was continued. Information from "Out on a Limb," August 4, 1985.