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 Family Name History
Parlby



The English family name Parlby is considered by scholars to be of nickname origin. While the majority of surnames that are derived from a sobriquet or nickname reveal to us some aspect of the physical appearance of the initial bearer of the name or it may allude to a characteristic of this person, other nickname family names make reference to a particular piece of clothing or favorite article or indeed a favorite color of the bearer of the name. In the case of the surname Parlby, this name is derived from the word "Parlebien", which comes from the French "parle bien", meaning "speak well". Variants of the surname Parlby include Parlien and Parleby.

One of the earliest references to this name or to a variant is a record of one Eisabeth Parlby and Robert Whitefoote, whose wedding was celebrated on the 30th of January 1636, in Flintham, Nottingham. Research is of course ongoing and this name may have been documented even earlier than the date indicated above. The wedding of Margaret Parlby and Gilbert Cartwright, took place on the 26th of January 1637, in Sutton on Trent, Nottingham. The christening of Anne Parlby, daughter of Thomas and Ellenor Parlby, took place on the 26th of February 1639, in Flintham, Nottingham. Another reference mentions the christening of Daniel Parlby, son of Samuel and Mary Parlby, which was celebrated on the 1st of May 1723, in St. Nicholas Church in Nottingham, Nottingham. The christening of Benjamin Parlby, son of Richard and Isabella Parlby, took place on the 7th of September 1755, in North Muskham, Nottingham.

BLAZON OF ARMS: Quarterly, first and fourth argent, a parrot vert, second and third argent, Crusily gules, three halboats heads erased of the last.

Translation: Argent (white), symbolizes the Moon, and denotes Purity, Innocence, Integrity, Eloquence and Obedience. Vert (green) denotes Joy.

CRESC: The charges of the second.
MOCCO: Parle bien - speak well.
ORIGIN: ENGLAND

