

## Egyptian Name Resources

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In order to register any SCA name you need to document both the elements of the name and the pattern in which those elements are arranged. Whole names elements include things like given names, descriptive bynames, and locative bynames. If we take the English name “Bill Smith” we see that it contains two elements; a given name “Bill” and a descriptive byname “Smith.” The pattern of putting the given name before the descriptive byname is so common that we may overlook that it doesn’t have to be that way. In several Asian countries it would make more sense for this example to be known as “Smith Bill.” So I recommend looking at the patterns first.

The only Egyptian name pattern that has been registered so far by the SCA College of Arms is the formal name pattern <your given name> + <fathers given name> + <mothers given name>. This is the name pattern that was used for the primary parties in ancient legal contracts. I recommend this pattern for registration because I feel it is the most appropriate pattern for use on award scrolls. Other documented patterns can be found in my article *Names from Demotic Egyptian Sources*.

Once you have an idea of the patterns feel free to dig through all the names available. There are a number of free books on the Oriental Institute Publications site. I started with *The Oriental Institute Hawara Papyri: Demotic and Greek Texts from an Egyptian Family Archive in the Fayum (Fourth to Third Century B.C.)* by George R. Hughes and Richard Jasnow. <https://oi.uchicago.edu/research/publications/oip/oriental-institute-hawara-papyri-demotic-and-greek-texts-egyptian-family> This comprises most of the information in my aforementioned article. The second edition of that article contains further information from the *Catalog of Demotic Texts in the Brooklyn Museum* by George R. Hughes. <http://oi.uchicago.edu/research/publications/oic/oic-29-catalog-demotic-texts-brooklyn-museum>

The most complete selection of given names found in demotic will either be in the Trismegistos database or the Oriental Institutes Demotic Dictionary Online. *The Demotic Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago* is just that; a dictionary of words found in demotic writings. It can be a slog finding names, but it is a pretty awesome resource.

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The Trismegistos database (specifically the name list therein) is an amazing resource for finding names. HOWEVER this database includes records written in several scripts; not all of which are registerable with the SCA College of Arms. Please do not fall in love with a name that is recorded only in hieroglyphs or hieratic. [http://www.trismegistos.org/nam/list\\_all.php](http://www.trismegistos.org/nam/list_all.php)