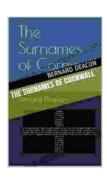
Unveiling the Rich Tapestry of Cornish History: A Comprehensive Guide to The Surnames of Cornwall by Bernard Deacon

Nestled in the southwesternmost corner of England, Cornwall is a region steeped in a rich and vibrant history. Its unique culture, language, and people have left an enduring legacy that continues to fascinate and captivate. One of the most intriguing aspects of Cornish heritage lies in the surnames that have been passed down through generations, each carrying a unique story and providing a glimpse into the past.



The Surnames of Cornwall by Bernard Deacon

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In his highly acclaimed work, 'The Surnames of Cornwall', renowned genealogist and historian Bernard Deacon delves deep into the fascinating world of Cornish surnames. This comprehensive guide serves as an invaluable resource for anyone interested in tracing their Cornish ancestry, understanding the origins of their surname, or simply exploring the rich tapestry of Cornish history.

A Journey Through Time

The Surnames of Cornwall is more than just a list of names; it is a journey through time, offering a glimpse into the lives and experiences of those who have shaped Cornwall's heritage. Deacon meticulously traces the origins of over 4,000 Cornish surnames, providing detailed etymologies and exploring the diverse influences that have shaped their evolution.

From ancient Celtic roots to the arrival of the Normans and beyond, Deacon unveils the fascinating stories behind Cornish surnames. Readers will discover the significance of topographic surnames, derived from the landscape features of Cornwall, such as 'Penhaligon' (headland) or 'Trevethan' (farm on a hill). They will also learn about occupational surnames, such as 'Smith' or 'Fisher', which provide clues to the livelihoods and trades of past generations.

A Tapestry of Cultural Influences

Cornwall's unique position as a maritime hub and a crossroads of trade has left an indelible mark on its surnames. Deacon explores the influence of neighboring counties, such as Devon and Somerset, as well as the impact of immigration from Wales, Ireland, and Brittany. These diverse influences have resulted in a rich tapestry of Cornish surnames, each with its own distinct story to tell.

The Surnames of Cornwall also sheds light on the Cornish language, which has played a significant role in shaping the region's surnames. Deacon provides insights into the origins and meanings of Cornish language surnames, such as 'Penkevyll' (chief of the family) or 'Tregear' (homestead by the castle).

Genealogical Goldmine

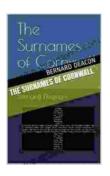
For those interested in tracing their Cornish ancestry, The Surnames of Cornwall is an invaluable resource. Deacon provides detailed information on the geographical distribution of surnames, enabling researchers to pinpoint the origins of their family lines. The book also includes a comprehensive index, making it easy to locate specific surnames and explore their histories.

Whether you are a genealogist, historian, or simply someone fascinated by the rich heritage of Cornwall, The Surnames of Cornwall is an essential addition to your bookshelf. It is a meticulously researched and engaging guide that unveils the captivating stories behind the names that have shaped the Cornish landscape and people.

Praise for The Surnames of Cornwall

"A monumental work of scholarship that will be an indispensable resource for anyone interested in Cornish history, genealogy, or surnames." - Professor Charles Thomas, University of Exeter

"A fascinating and comprehensive exploration of the rich tapestry of Cornish surnames. Bernard Deacon has created a masterpiece that will delight and inform generations to come." - Dr. Maggie Cornwall, Cornwall Family History Society

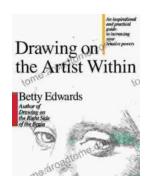


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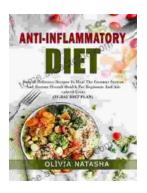
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