

Abbingdon Family

First names begin with A

Everyone knows

- pious, god-fearing family
- the moral compass of society for many generations.
- frugal- make do and mend; but charitable
- support their employees, even in old age
- large cold house in the middle of the country



Family knows

- Your family are held up as moral paragons in society, but you know that is not true for all your relatives, they just conceal it well. Your relatives hold you to higher moral standards than they keep themselves. Not to marry because of black marks would be incredibly scandalous in the Abbingdon family and the behaviour of the rest of your generation may tarnish you.
- The Abbingdons do not get invited to the best parties as others think they are stuffy and dull. If you can make a marriage with good connections, life will immediately become more interesting!
- Your family is rich. Due to sensible financial investments you will all have a large income when you marry. There is no need to scrimp and save. Your older relatives have chosen to do so, but will this continue for your generation? or do you plan to be less frugal and more fun?
- You have looked after your employees, almost as if they are family members. Do you want to continue this or should you just give them the most basic pension, or even make it their responsibility to save for their retirement?

Frankley Family - First names begin with F

Everyone knows

- Part of society for generations
- Traders; travel widely
- Bring delicacies, exotic objects and fascinating stories
- Small house, crammed with fascinating objects, south of the country, near the coast.



Family knows

- The Frankleys are rich in trade goods and stock, but do not have that much spare cash. It's all tied up in the business. This means that towards the end of the trade cycle money is tight. Wouldn't it be nice to marry into a family with more available money?
- You have travelled since you were young and you have always enjoyed a slightly bohemian lifestyle with fewer rigid rules than normal society. This has led to the family attitude that rules are generally flexible if you look hard enough. There are always opportunities for novel experiences. Many of these are found by talking to other people and seeing what they can offer.
- You have been educated to fit-in to any social group and know how to make people like you, even if you don't actually like them.
- Some see the Frankley family as bohemian and unsettled; too peripatetic to be dependable. Associating with a family with more history at court would get rid of some of these unsavoury views.
- Trade is so variable and if prices were to fall, or a ship was to go down, then you could find yourself in financial peril. Land or manufacturing could give a more dependable income.
- Some of your family have picked up attitudes from other lands which would be found scandalous here. You hope no one hears about Uncle George's two wives, for example.
- If things get difficult, perhaps you can distract or impress people by talking about what you have seen in other lands.

Membury Family

First names begin with M

Everyone knows

- Military family
- An ancestor 4 generations ago was raised up by the king after heroically storming a castle.
- From peasant stock
- Have made good marriage choices in past
- Large house on a cliff top, overlooking the sea in the east of the country.



Family knows

- The Memburys are patriotic and support the royal family and the idea that there is an upper tier of society which they belong to. Your family does not have so many generations in society as you would like and allying with an older, established family would give you the gravitas you seek.
- You are well off, due to previous generations making sensible investments, but are not rich. Some in the family are considering investing in manufacturing or trading to increase the family wealth, but these risky investments could mean that you lose more than you can afford. A marriage union with a more wealthy family would make the future more secure for you.
- It would not be seen as shameful by your relatives if you did not marry, as long as some of your relatives remain in society to carry the family name, although you may think differently.
- One's honour and integrity are everything and it would be seen as below the family to lie or cheat especially in order to get the match you want (but it doesn't mean that you as an individual might not do it).
- You have always been taught the proper behaviour for a situation and your family judges others harshly when they are not as refined or as well versed in social norms. Will you choose a partner to be proud of?

Strensham Family - First name begin with S

Everyone knows

- Newly arrived in Society and nouveau Riche
- Industrialists - invent new machines for manufacturing and own factories
- Progressive
- Grand, newly built house, close to an industrial city in the north of the country



Family knows

- The Strenshams are only newly arrived in Society and some are upset by this addition. You bought your way into society by paying off the Prince Regent's debts and would be prepared to buy more influence by paying off a poorer family (in return for a marriage of course).
- Some resent that you have taken jobs from the poor, but you see progress and hope for the future.
- Your house has every embellishment you could buy. Some call it tacky privately or publicly, but you enjoy luxury and comfort.
- Due to your working origins, you are looked down upon by other members of society. You understand how difficult life is outside Society. Marriages allying you to traditional or well connected families would help cement your place in society.
- You know your position is precarious. Loss of wealth or confidence in your company could see you back in the lower classes.
- This does not mean that your family does not exploit your workers; you have risen by virtue of your actions. The workers could better themselves too.
- A liaison or friendship with a well connected family would be advantageous.
- Your family believes that life is what you make it. There are opportunities for everyone and you should make the best of what you are given and try to improve your situation at every opportunity. If you don't, you are a fool.

Woodal Family- First name begin with W

Everyone knows

- Related to the royal family
- Like the old ways and the status quo
- Old money and dislike 'upstarts'
- Believe everyone should do their duty
- No longer filthy rich, they are not poor either and have never gone without.
- Crumbling, sprawling rural house in the west of the country



Family knows

- The Woodal income comes from your estate land and you are not as rich as you once were. There are also discussions about whether your family should do the unthinkable and sell some land, as land is all you have.
- You will inherit land when you marry, but your income will be moderate. A marriage to a family with more available money would benefit you and your family.
- The estates employ a lot of people, which your older relatives see as your duty to help the local community. Other family members think they are inefficient and need to modernise. Should you feel a responsibility to servants and others?
- Your family has been in society for so long you felt your position was unchallenged, but recently the family has got a reputation for boorish and bad behaviour. Unions with refined society members might improve your reputation. One significant scandal could mean that you are thrown out of society.
- Your family is judgemental against those who work or trade for a living.
- All the best people have titles. It marks your family out as above all others

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