

## Distribution of the surnames Williscroft, Woolliscroft, Wolliscroft and variants

The surname can be found worldwide today. The Woolliscroft surname is more common in the British Isles but the Williscroft surname is more common in Canada and New Zealand. They are both rare surnames. The other variant names are very rare. Willescroft is found in the North West of England. The surname arising out of a deviation of spelling and the same is true of Willincroft who are mainly in Lancashire.

<b>Surname Distribution 2000-2005</b> <u>Public Profiler Worldnames</u> derived from publicly available telephone directories of electoral rolls between 2000-2005 Frequency per million. Highest frequency highlighted in red							
	UK	USA	Canada	New Zealand	Sweden	Ireland	Spain
<u>Wolliscroft</u>	0.18	0.03					
<u>Willinscroft</u>	0.18						
<u>Williscroft</u>		0.01					
<u>Williscroft</u>	5.61	0.24	13.52	12.34	1.26		0.1
<u>Woolliscroft</u>	10.73	0.2	0.69	1.06		0.69	
<u>Wooliscroft</u>	2.61	0.1		1.41			0.1

Information on the distribution of the surname in 1881 and 1998 can be found on the [GreatBritain Family Profiling website](#) which presents the findings of a project by University College London based on the 1998 Electoral Roll and 1881 census returns for the British Isles. There is a link there to check out the world distribution of the surname based on publicly available telephone directories and Electoral Rolls between 2000 and 2005.

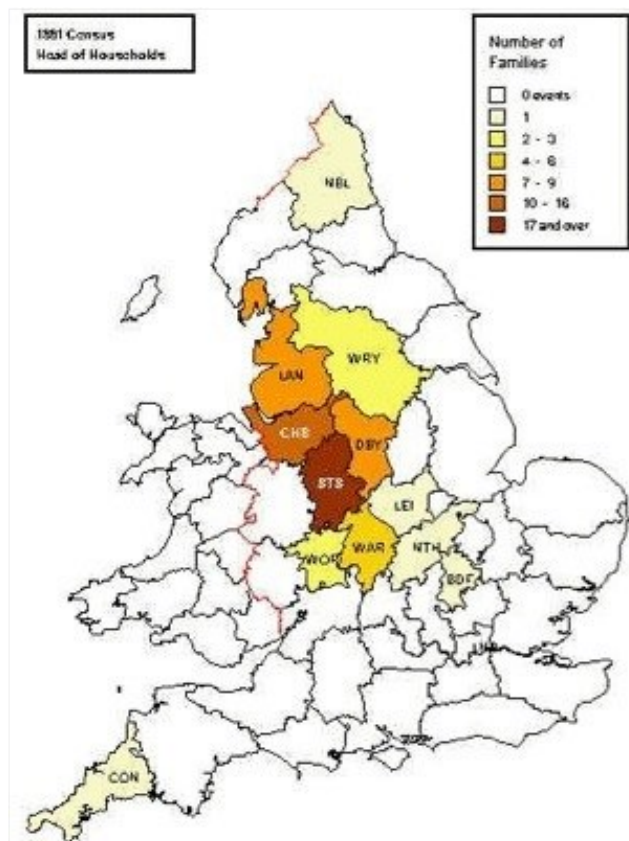
<b>Surname Distribution</b> <b>Great Britain in 1881 &amp; 1998</b> source 1881 Census and 1998 Electoral Roll <u>GreatBritain Family Profiling website</u> frequency per million			
	1881	1998	Rank in 1989
<u>Williscroft</u>	4	6	15712
<u>Wooliscroft</u>	9	4	18970
<u>Woolliscroft</u>	5	11	9999

The analysis does give an indication of the present day distribution of the adult population not only in the British Isles but Worldwide as well. However, In the British Isle the General Post Office (postcodes) are used unfortunately these are not based on counties and can be misleading. In the British Isles the greatest concentration of the Woolliscroft and Williscroft name remains in Staffordshire.

## British Isles

To date I have transcribed the entries for the surname on the census returns for England and Wales between 1841 and 1911 inclusive. The information given here is based on 'head of household' not families. Individuals employed as 'servants', boarders or visitors are not included in the analysis for England and Wales.

The surname is also found in Scotland. In 1881 there was only one family so they have not been included in this analysis. You will find information on the family pages.

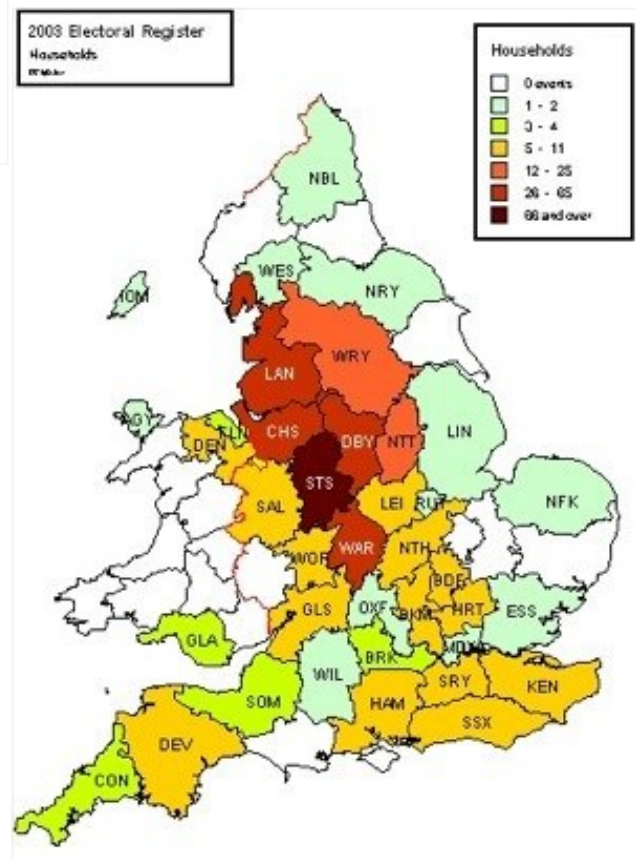


### DISTRIBUTION OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLDS IN ENGLAND AND WALES IN 1881

By the 1881 Census for England, Scotland and Wales there were a total of 132 households where the head had the surname Williscroft, Wooliscroft or a variant, it was more common at this time to spell the surname Wooliscroft. The greatest concentration was in Staffordshire.

### HOUSEHOLDS IN THE YEAR 2003 IN ENGLAND & WALES

In 2003 there were 384 households where the head of Household had the surname Williscroft. Willescroft, Woolliscroft, Wooliscroft or Wolliscroft. As in the 1800's and 1901 the greatest concentration was in Staffordshire. You will notice from the distribution chart that households can now be found in most counties in the England.



# Canada

The information given here is from the 1881 Census and Electoral Rolls of 1940 and 1874 for Canada. based on the number of individuals who bear the surname Williscroft, Williscraft & Woolliscroft.

## 1881 CENSUS RETURNS

In 1881 the most bearers of the surname lived in Ontario, Canada where the first settlers arrived in 1828.

Williscroft was the most common spelling of the surname.

The Woolliscroft surname was not recorded.



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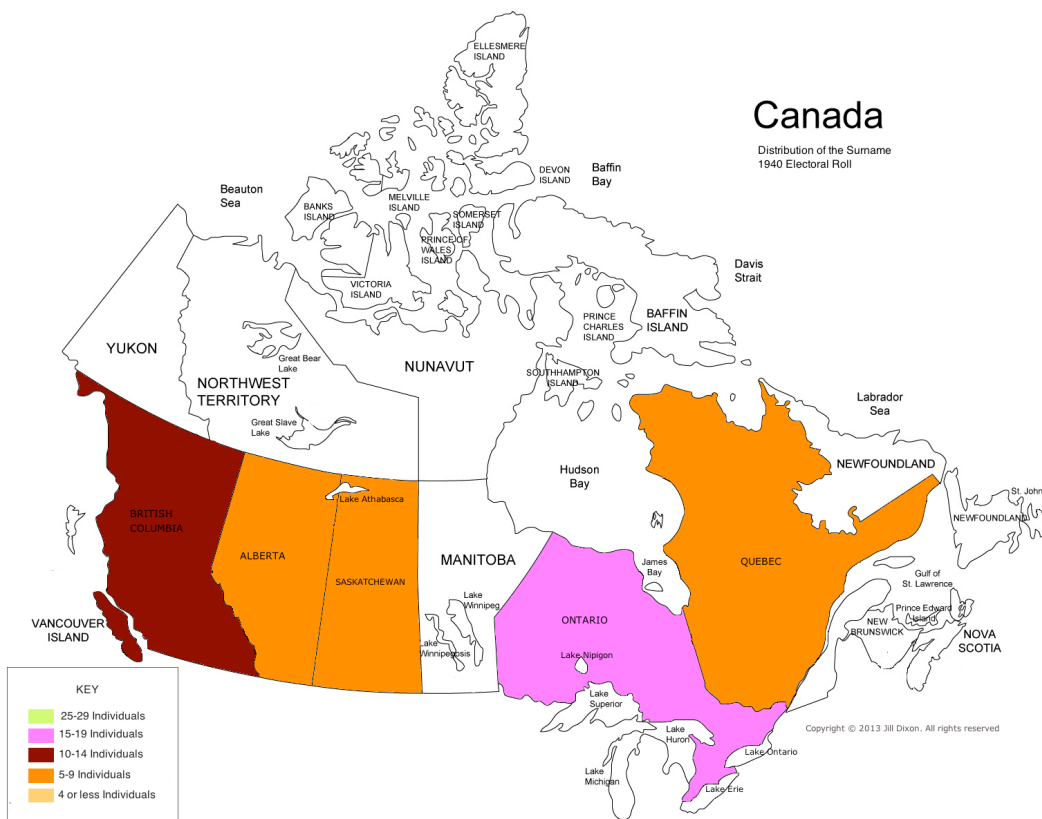
Distribution of the Surname  
1940 Electoral Roll

## 1940 ELECTORAL ROLL

In 1940 the highest concentration of the surname remained in Ontario but the numbers members of the family have moved to the neighbouring provinces and to British Columbia.

The most common spelling of the surname remained Williscroft.

The Woolliscroft surname was found in Alberta.

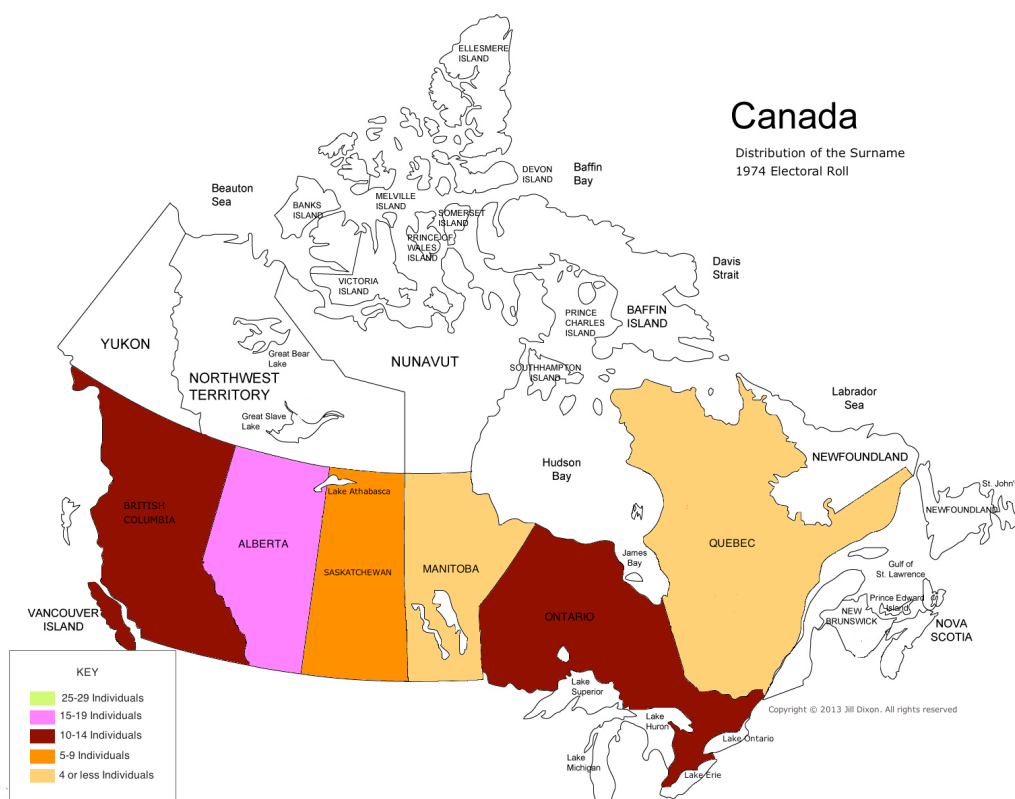


## 1974 ELECTORAL ROLL

By 1974 there had been a shift in the highest concentration of the surname to Alberta.

The Williscroft surname remained the most common spelling.

The Woolliscroft surname was found in Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario.



## New Zealand

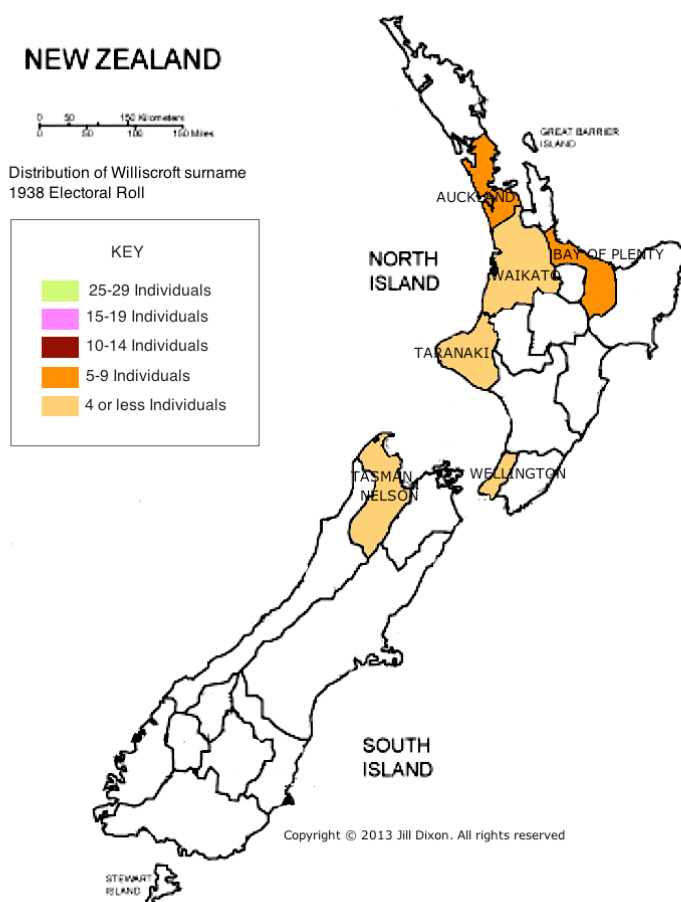
The information given here is from the 1938 & 1981 Electoral Rolls of 1940 and 1874 for New Zealand. based on the number of individuals who bear the surname. Williscroft was the most common spelling.

### 1938 ELECTORAL ROLL

The highest concentration of the surname was in Auckland and The Bay of Plenty, North Island.

The most common spelling of the surname was Williscroft.

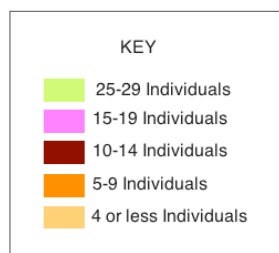
The surname Woolliscroft was only found in Wellington.



### NEW ZEALAND

0 50 100 Kilometers  
0 50 100 Miles

Distribution of the Williscroft surname  
1981 Electoral Roll



### 1981 ELECTORAL ROLL

The highest concentration of the surname was in Auckland and the City of Nelson.

Williscroft remains the most common spelling of the surname.

The surname Woolliscroft could be found in Wellington, Canterbury and Otago.

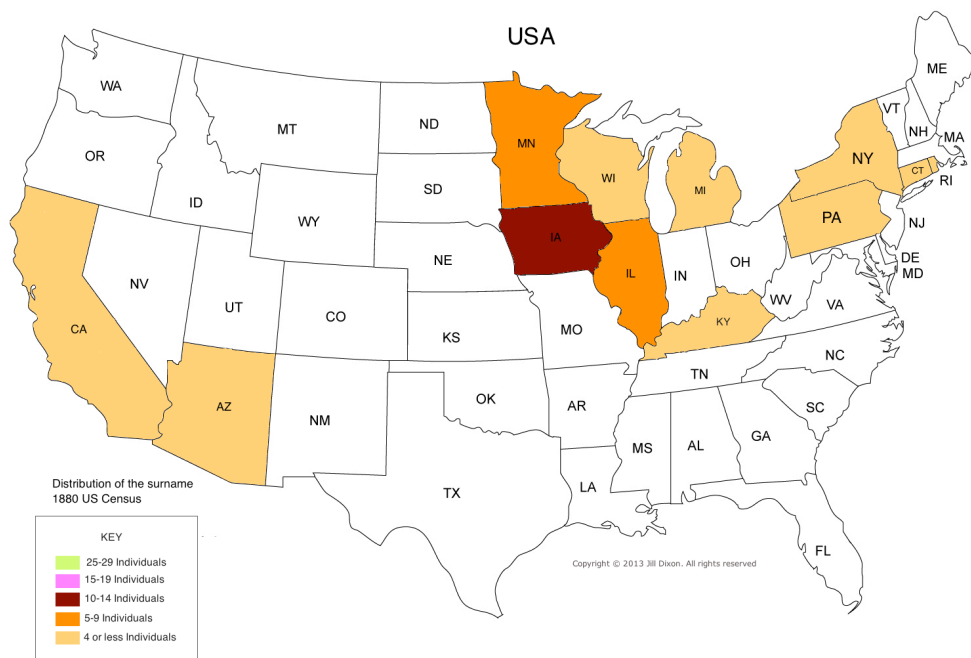


# United States

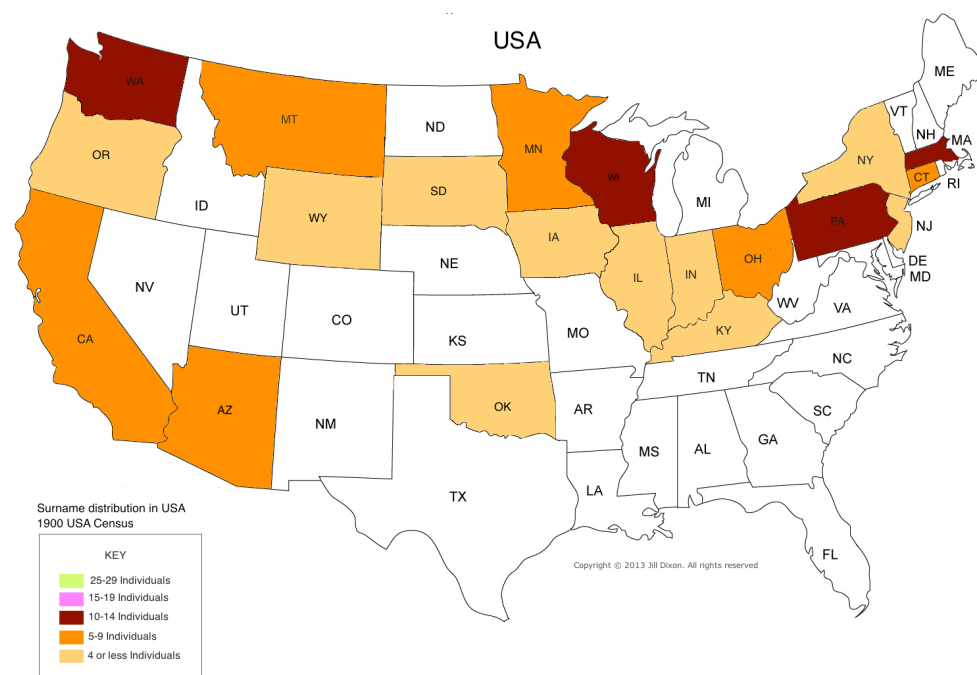
The information given here is from the 1880, 1900 & 1940 Census Returns for the USA based on the number of individuals who bear the surname.

## 1880 US CENSUS

The greatest concentration of the surname was in Iowa. A closer examination of the data shows that Williscro(a)fts had moved from Canada to California and Arizona by 1880. The surname Woollescrot was not found in these states. The Woollescrot & Woollescrot surname was the most common spelling.



## 1900 US CENSUS



Twenty years later references to the surname Williscroft and Woollescrot could be found from the east to west coast. The hot spots being Washington State, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. Williscroft's were no longer in California. Woollescrot, Woollescrot & Wolliscroft were the most common spelling of the surname

## 1940 US CENSUS

From looking at the diagram you will see that in 1940 there was a similar distribution of the surnames Williscroft, Woolliscroft and variants. However, the greatest concentration was in California and Washington State, followed by New Jersey. Both the surname Williscroft and Woolliscroft could be found in the Eastern States.

