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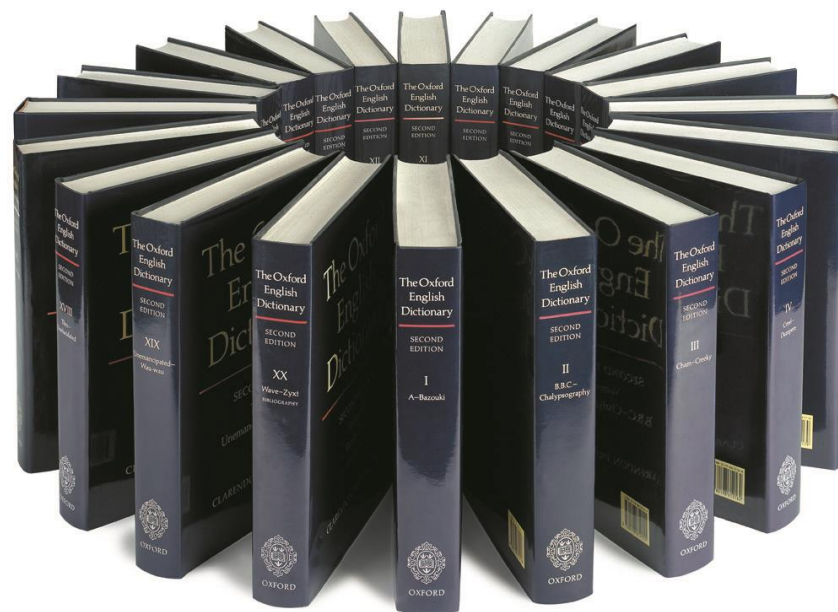


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Sir James Wolfe Murray (1853-1915)

Murray, Sir James Augustus Henry (1837-1915), lexicographer
by R. W. Burchfield

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Murray, Sir James Augustus Henry (1837-1915), lexicographer, was born in the village of Denholm, near Hawick, Roxburghshire, on 7 February 1837; the eldest of the four sons and one daughter of Thomas Murray (1811-1873), a village tailor, of Hawick, and his wife, Mary (1803-1888), the sixth child of Charles Scott, a linen manufacturer of Denholm.

Formative years in Scotland
Thomas Murray was highly regarded in Denholm. He was an elder of the Congregational church and a promoter of the Total Abstinence and Horticultural societies, of the Reading Room Club, and of other institutions contributing to the welfare of the village. His formal education was limited, however, and there was certainly no tradition of academic scholarship in the ancestral families of the Murrays or the Scotts that would account for the emergence of the lexicographical prodigy that his son proved to be. James Murray is reputed to have known the letters of the alphabet by the time he was eighteen months old and to have acquired a knowledge of the written forms of Greek letters before he was seven. He is also known to have copied out on scraps of paper some lists and passages in Hebrew and Chinese written in copies of the Bible that happened to come into his parents' possession.

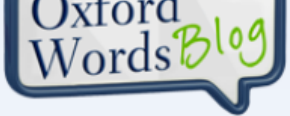
Murray was educated first at Cavers School, the parish school of his native village. It was a 3 mile walk from Denholm, and his lifelong interest in botany may well have begun among the many wild flowers that grew beside the footpaths that took him to and from this school. In 1845 he moved to Denholm School, which took pupils from infancy until they were old enough to go out to work. He was soon recognized to be a pupil of unusual ability: he took in his stride the names of the parts of speech, the elements of geography and mathematics, and, as the only boy taking the subject, an outline knowledge of Latin. In his out-of-school hours he became interested in astronomy and in identifying the Latin names of plants, as well as the names of rock formations and other features of geology, and the classification of the names and varieties of animals.

An outbreak of cholera in Denholm in 1849 closed the school and led to an arrangement for Murray to spend six months as a cowherd on a friend's farm near by, where he remembered hammering away at [his] Latin grammar and *Lectiones Selectae* in his spare time. The family returned to Denholm at the end of summer 1849, but Murray did not return to his old school. He went instead to Minto School, a mile and a half from Denholm, where he fell under the influence of an inspiring new schoolmaster, John Rankin Hamilton, and a new syllabus. He began work on four new languages: French, German, Italian, and classical Greek.

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Pronunciation: Brit. /ˈwaɪtsmɪθ/, U.S. (t)waɪtsmɪθ

Forms: see [WHITE](#) *adj.* and *n.* and [SMITH](#) *n.*

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Etymology: Formed within English, by compounding. **Etymons:** [WHITE](#) *adj.*, [SMITH](#) *n.*
< [WHITE](#) *adj.* + [SMITH](#) *n.* Compare earlier [BLACKSMITH](#) *n.*

Attested earliest as a surname.

Now chiefly *hist.*

A person who makes articles from tin-plated iron ([WHITE IRON](#) *n.* 1; cf. [white-iron smith](#) *n.* at [WHITE IRON](#) *n.* **Compounds**) or from tin or other white metal. Also: a person who makes iron tools with a sharp edge, or other iron articles with a polished surface.

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- 1260 *Close Rolls Henry III* (1934) XI. 324 Ricardus le Wytesmith.
- 1302 *Patent Roll, 30 Edward I* (P.R.O.: C 66/122) m. 15, Quia accepimusquod Johannes filius Johannis le Whytesmith captus & detentus in gaola predicta pro morte Johannis de Wytteney.
- 1580 J. LVLVY *Euphuus & his Eng.* (new ed.) f. 55^v, Neither can this white Iuory Vulcan, make thee a white Smith, neither this faire woman Ieat, make thee a faire stone.
- 1606 T. PALMER *Ess. Meanes to make Trauailes More Profitable* II. 92 The fit, to wit, Smitherie, is as variable as any of the former to bee sought into: whether for varietie of metals to bee wrought vpon, as Gold and Siluer-smithes, Copper-smiths, Brasiers, Tinkers, Pewterers, Founders, blacke and white smithes, & all such like.
- 1686 R. PLOT *Nat. Hist. Staffs.* ix. 375 The Iron thus prepared, is used both by the White and Black-Smiths of this County; according as the condition of their wares require; it being forged by the former, into Sithes, Reaping-books, Axes, Hatchets, Bills, &c...which being ground at the blade-mills to a bright edg.,they have given this sort of Artisans that make them, the name of White-Smiths.
- 1708 T. WARD *England's Reformation* (1710) III. 2 For not a White-Smith nor a Black, Could frame such things as he would lack.
- 1751 S. WHATLEY *England's Gazetteer at Swindon (Stafford.)*, Blade-mills, where scythes, axes, reaping-hooks, &c. after being prepared for it by the white-smiths, are ground to a fine edge.
- 1826 SCOTT *Provinc. Antiq.* 104 He was a white-smith, and published various lucubrations under the title of the Tinclarian Doctor.
- 1861 DICKENS *Great Expectations* II. viii.136 Life is made of ever so many partings welded together,...and one man's a blacksmith, and one's a whitesmith, and one's a goldsmith, and one's a coppersmith.
- 1886 G. M. FENN *Patience Wins* xii. 140, I arn't a blacksmith, I'm a whitesmith, and work in steel.
- 1919 *Boys' Life* Nov. 42/1 The famous Bowie Knife was not invented by Colonel Bowie but was made by a whitesmith from Philadelphia for the doughty Colonel.
- 1998 *Slavonic & East European Rev.* 76 283 Most tinkers remained wanderers, repairing pots and pans, acting as odd-job men, and small-scale whitesmiths with their staple trade in rat and mouse-traps.

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Pronunciation: Brit.  /'bʌntə/, U.S.  /'bæn(t)ər/

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Etymology: Of unknown etymology: it is doubtful whether the verb or noun was the earlier; existing evidence is in favour of the verb. The noun was treated as slang in 1688: Swift, in the *Apology to his Tale of a Tub* (1710), says that it 'was first borrowed from the bullies in White Friars, then fell among the footmen, and at last retired to the pedants'; in *Tatler* No. 230, he classes it with *bamboozle*, *country put*, and *kidney*, as a word 'invented by some pretty Fellows' and 'now struggling for the Vogue.' But the verb was then nearly 40 years old.


- 1690 J. LOCKE *Ess. Humane Understanding* III. ix. 232 He that first brought the word..*Banter* in use, put together, as he thought fit, those Ideas he made it stand for.
- 1710 SWIFT *Tatler* 26–8 Sept. No. 230 ¶7, I have done my utmost for some years past to stop the Progress of *Mobb* and *Banter*.
- 1722 R. WODROW *Corr.* (1843) II. 659 Such plain railery, that unless I should learn banter and Billingsgate, which I still thought below a historian, there is no answering

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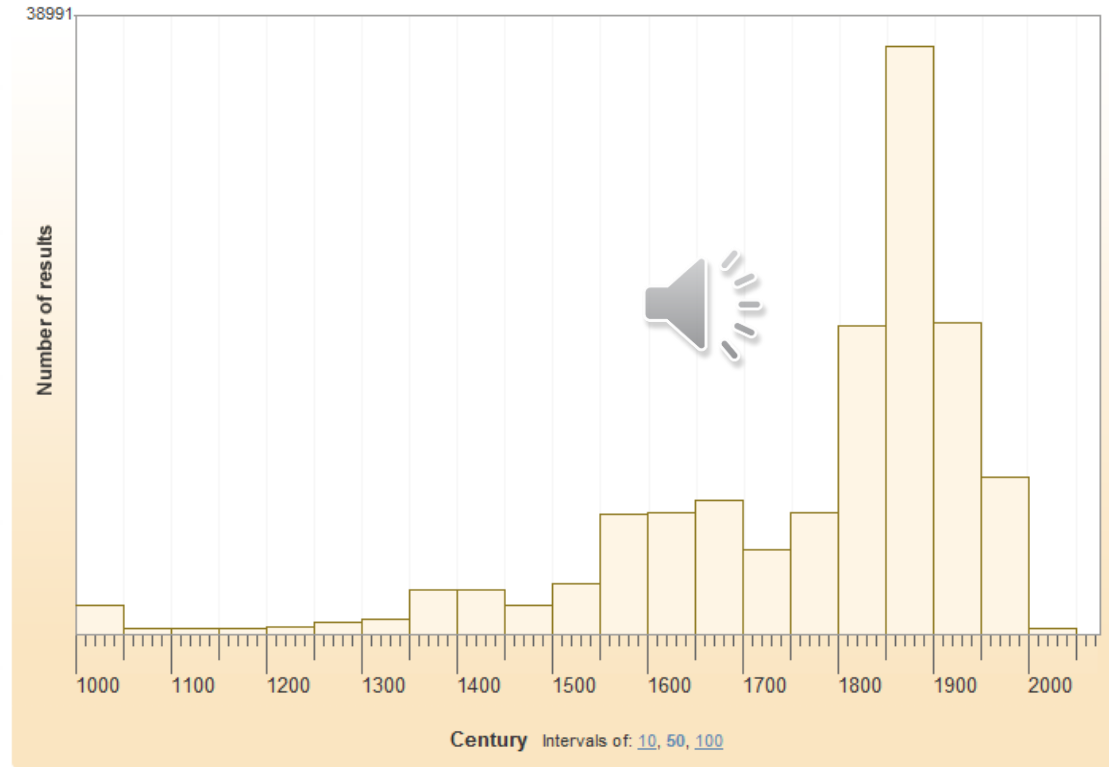
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