

# Literature on Personal Names in English, 1954

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It will be appreciated if members will call my attention to items I have missed, and also to items in 1955 for the next annual installment of this bibliography.

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