

Who am I?
Building a Persona in the SCA
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Name

The Rules

1. You can't use the name of someone famous in history or fiction.
2. You may not use any titles of nobility including Lord or Lady.
3. You may not have the same name as anyone else in the Society.
4. There is an unofficial custom where if you don't find a name in the time that your friends (or in some cases the Crown) find reasonable, you may find one assigned to you.

Where to look

1. Your local herald
2. SCA Heraldry webpage
<http://www.sca.org/heraldry>
3. Academy of St. Gabriel's Medieval Name Archive website
<http://www.panix.com/~mittle/names/>

Persona

Things to ask yourself

What are your hobbies and interests?
What year was your persona born?
Where was your persona born?
Where does your persona now consider home?
What is the climate and terrain of where your persona is from and where they call home?
Is your persona married? (widowed?)
(Especially important for women.)
Who does your persona answer to? Father? Spouse? The church? No one?
(again, more important for women.)
Is your persona literate?
What is your persona's social status?
What is your profession?
What is your religion? Is it the norm for my time and place or is it unusual?
What religious duties would have been required of your persona?
What about your persona's parents? What were their names and occupations?
Did your persona have siblings? Are any of them still alive?
How old is your persona?
Who would have been your persona's monarch? Religious leaders?
Is your persona educated? If so where??
How did people of your culture/time-frame tell time?
How did people of your culture/time-frame keep track of days?
What type of clothes does your persona normally wear?
What type of clothes does your persona wear for special occasions?
What were the eating habits of people of your culture/time-frame?
How would have it been likely for your persona to die?

References

The Known World Handbook
"Research Questions for Developing a Persona" by Baron Modar Neznanich
<http://www2.kumc.edu/itc/staff/rknight/Persona1.htm>