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Alice Turner — 18 Jul 1998, 03:16

Don't know if this has been brought up before, but if Owen/Ouen is considered to be the Welsh/Celtic equivalent of Eugene, doesn't that mean Sev's father might also be called Gene?

From the Oxford book of English Christian names:

OWEN: a common Welsh name; in Middle English romances often spelled Owain, Owayne, Ywain. It has been supposed to be derived from Latin Eugenius...see Ewan. (Ouen)

EWEN: this name, now confined to Scotland, was once common in England...It is probably the same as Irish and Gaelic Eoghan 'a youth,' which is frequent in Celtic legend and history. Eoghan is usually derived from Primitive Celtic Eugenius 'well-born,' from which is derived Old Welsh Euguein which later became Middle Welsh Ewein, Ywein, whence modern Welsh Owain, Owen.

Bravo, scolex. Thank you.

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