

Ormsby

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Kieran Mullen — 13 Jan 2005, 15:15

I put this on the FrequentlyAskedQuestions page at the WolfeWiki
(<http://www.nhn.ou.edu/cgi-bin/cgiwrap/~kieran/wiki/wolfe?FrontPage>):

What is the significance of the name "Arthur Ormsby"?

? "Orm" is an old scandinavian word for "elm tree", while "orme" is an old word for "dragon". One possibility is that "Ormsby" then is some translation of "Pendragon". FWIW, the story of Orm, one of the first rulers of the Vikings who landed in Scotland, is as follows: The king promised that the first man to lay foot on the soil would be the ruler of the conquered land. Young Orm lost his leg in a sea battle with the Scots. He tied up his stump and survived. On arrival to the shore he threw his leg on to land, thus being the "first to set foot". All of this is gleaned from <http://www.ormsby.org/genie/Surname.html> (Kieran Mullen)