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# Etymology project

Fire  
Pistol  
Kane



# FIRE

The phenomenon of combustion manifested in light, flame, and heat

The word “fryian” originated in England, meaning to supply with fire.

It was first used in a play in 1520 speaking about firing a weapon or to set fire to the gun powder.



# Pistol

Small hand-held firearm invented in 1364

The shooter had to hand light wicks to ignite the black powder

The first mechanical (matchlock) pistol came in the 1400's



# Clinch

The surname derives from a derivative of the Middle English "clench(en)", from the Anglo Saxon "clencian", to fix firmly, and would have been an occupational name for a maker or fixer of bolts and rivets.

Dictionary definition: To grab, clasp, or interlock



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