

Table 2: Examples of spelling variation in the period between 1300 and 1800 taken from Chadwyck-Healey's English Poetry Full-Text Database

	1300–1400	1400–1500	1500–1600	1600–1700	1700–1800
incerta 2	uncerteyn 2	incertaine 2	incertaine 17	incertain 2	incertain 2
incertum 1	incertane 1	incertane 2	incertan 2	incertaine 2	uncertain 285
	vncertane 2	incertane 3	incertane 3	incertaine 2	uncertaine 72
	vncertayn 1	incertayn 1	incertayn 1	incertaine 2	vncertain 5
	vncertayne 2	incertayne 1	incertayne 4	uncerteine 2	vncertaine 89
	incerteyn 3	incerte 1	incerte 1	uncerten 2	vncertayne 1
		incertein 1	incertein 1	uncerteyn 1	
		incertein 4	incerteine 1	vncertain 28	
		vncerteine 3	incerteine 1	vncertaine 128	
			vncertein 1	vncertain 1	
			vncertane 7	vncertaine 7	
			vncertayn 2	vncertayn 2	
			vncertayne 52	vncertayne 52	
			vncertein 3	vncertein 3	
			vncerteine 4	vncerteine 4	
			vncerten 6	vncerten 6	
			vncertene 1	vncertene 1	
			vncerteyn 1	vncerteyn 1	
			vncerteine 3	vncerteine 3	

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	1300–1400	1400–1500	1500–1600	1600–1700	1700–1800
imparfit 5	vnparfit 1	unparfite 1	imparfect 36	imparfect 11	imparfect 234
imparfit 8	imparfit 3	vnparfite 2	imparfit 2	imparfit 2	imparfit 3
imparfyt 4	imparfite 3	vnparfite 1	imparfite 1	imparfite 2	imparfit 1
	imparfyt 4		imparfyt 6	vnparfited 1	imparfite 1
	imparfect 2		imparfyte 2	vnparfite 2	imparfite 1
	imparfite 3		imparfytie 1	vnparfauct 1	imparfyte 1
	imparfyte 5		imparfytit 1	vnparfect 33	
			vnparfecte 3	vnparfit 3	
			vnparfite 7	vnparfyt 3	
			vnparfyte 2	vnparfyte 2	
impossible 1	impossible 1	vnpossibill 1	impossible 1	impossible 191	impossible 1
impossible 9	impossible 3	vnpossyble 3	impossibil 2	impossible 2	impossible 1
impossible 1	impossibil 2		impossibil 1	vnpossyble 17	impossible 168
impossible 7	impossibil 3		impossible 84	vnpossyble 4	
	impossible 27		impossibles 1		
	impossible 5		impossybyll 1		
	impossybyl 1		impossible 18		
	impossybyll 2				