Viking Place Names

Below is a list of Viking words which have become part of our language. They are found in many English place names.

barrow = small hill
beck = brook or stream
blea = blue
by = farmhouse or dwelling
crag = rocky cliff
dale = valley
fell = mountain, high grazing
garth = fenced land or garden
gate = path or track
gill = ravine or deep cut in the earth
holm = island
how =hill
ing = meadow or pasture
keld =cold
kirk = church
knott = rocky hill
pike = mountain peak
rigg = ridge
saetr = cow pasture or high ground
scale = hut or shack
tarn = pond
thorpe = hamlet, village
thwaite = clearing
toft = homestead
ton = hedge or fence; later a farm
water = lake
wath = ford

(-ton and -ing are Anglo-Saxon as well as Viking)