In the definitions of Book 1 of Euclid’s Elements one can find a rudimentary classification of the quadrilaterals. By and large, the same classification is still taught today. Over time, however, various changes from Euclid became commonplace and at least one new type of quadrilateral was introduced. In this talk I will look at the history of the classification of quadrilaterals from the mid-16th century through the 19th century. Particularly, I will focus on how the development of mathematics might have impacted the teaching of the classification of quadrilaterals. I will also have a look at the history of the notion of the general or “irregular” quadrilateral. (Received September 04, 2013)