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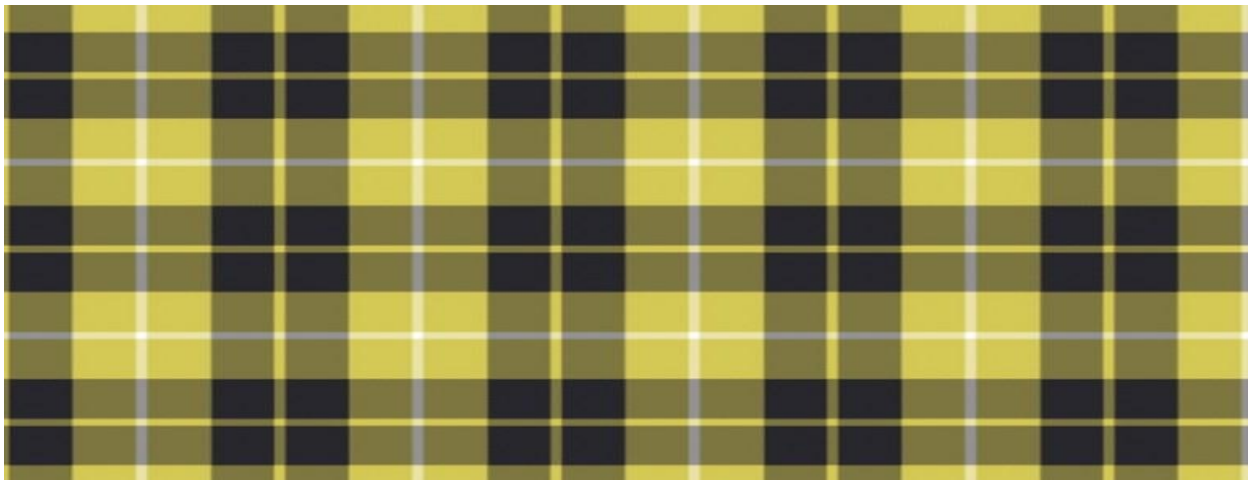


February is an important month for Clan Barclay! 26 February is the birthday of our beloved Chief Peter and his twin sister, Penny. The clan sends our very best wishes, Peter and Penny. Here are a few of our birthday greetings:

Wishing you both a very Happy Birthday from Ottawa, Canada!
Helen Ashton (née Barclay)

Dear Chief Peter and Penny
Hearty birthday greetings from Down Under. Wishing you health and happiness in the coming year. I believe it's appropriate to say " Là breith sona dhuit".
Kind regards
Pat Schroeder.

Happy Birthday to Peter and Penny!
Peggy

Please accept my birthday wishes for a wonderful birthday to both. A birthday full of CRAIC! (Celtic for a great time)
Kimberly Gentry

Happy Birthday Chief Peter and twin sister Penny! From South Carolina!
Your aye,
Jeremy Barclay

Tenderest thoughts and warmest wishes for a birthday of bliss, blessings, magic, miracles and uncontrollable moments of sparkles! Happy Birthday 🥳🎂🎈🎉🥳 Penny and Chief Peter!
PJ Snyder

Passing my birthday wishes to Chief Peter and Penny. Eat cake and sip on 15 year old single malt whisky.
Regards,
Michael Barclay

Happy Birthday to Peter and Penny! May the upcoming year bring you both fun, friendship, and frivolity. Happy birthday from Barkleys in Oregon, USA!
Laura

Dear Chief Peter & Penny - as a fellow daughter of our beloved Barclay Clan I wish you a most auspicious and delightful birthday celebration. We will be travelling from Australia to Scotland in August next year and I would be most delighted to raise a glass with you in a belated celebration 🎊🎉🍾
Annie Barclay (Priscilla-Anne Marie Barclay), Daughter of Winston Bennett Barclay

Happy Birthday Chief Peter and Penny! February is a wonderful month for a birthday - I know because mine is on the 24th! :) I hope both your birthdays are fun-filled!
Diana Foreman

Happy Birthday to Chief Peter and Penny!
Brandt Gustafson

Happy Birthday to Chief Peter, and his lovely sister Penny!!
Wishing you two a wonderful day and all the best!!
Susan Barkley

Best wishes to Peter & Penny for their birthday on 26th February. Hope they both have a great day.
Best wishes
Michael Barclay

I wish the 2 of you a great Birthday with many more to come!
Jesse Barclay

Dear Penny and Peter, wishing you both the happiest of birthdays,
Tim Barclay, Clan *Filidh*, and family (Australia)

Dear Chief Peter and Penny,
We would like to take this opportunity to extend heartfelt birthday wishes to you both and to also wish you many more, filled with loving family and good health. We are also sending you a recent picture taken of us at one of my military reunions. This particular one was in Washington DC. I am a retired Command Sergeant Major of 22 years, and we are both retired high school teachers and athletic coaches Maryann 30 years and myself 28 years. I thought this would allow you to put faces to our names again, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!
Oren Calvin Barclay and Maryann Barclay

Happy Birthday to Penny & Peter Barclay!
From Chelle Clements vacationing in warm Aruba!

Dear Chief Peter and Penny,
I want to wish you a wonderful 85th birthday and many happy returns of the day. I am grateful to you both for your stewardship of our clan and its history. I hope you are surrounded by loving family members and friends on your special day. I hope you feel celebrated and appreciated. I hope you sense the significance of the threads of shared history that run through our entire clan—past, present, and future. I am raising a wee dram in your honor. *Slàinte Mhaith! To your health!*
Yours aye,
Leah Parker, Clan *Maor*, One of the very many descendants of Robert Barclay of Rowan County, NC, USA (1722/23-1788)

Message from the the Maor

Maor/mɯːr/– clan factor (doer/maker), supervisor, officer
By Leah Parker, MAEd

Greetings Clan Barclay! I am beginning to put together the plans for a Barclay Family History Tour beginning in London and going through Scotland. Who wants to join us? If you think you might have an interest and want to be kept informed as the plans develop, please contact me at leah@clanbarclayinternational.org. Please let me know how many people would be in your group. I had originally thought I would try to organize this for 2023. However, since I know we would like to visit Towie Barclay Castle, and it is unknown who will own it in 2023, I think it is wise to wait until 2024. I will announce any updates as they come along. Thank you to everyone who has been in touch to express interest!

If you would like to share birth, marriage, or death announcements for your Barclay kin that you may want to see published in the *Barclay Broadside*, send them to me at leah@clanbarclayinternational.org.

Coming soon… We will begin to share events you may want to put on your calendar for 2023.

Yours aye,

Leah

Towie Barclay Castle in the Snow | Courtesy: Karen Ellington

A Preview of Towie Barclay Castle

By Leah Parker, MAEd

Over the past few months, we have featured castles with historic relevance to Clan Barclay: Berkeley Castle, Ardrossan Castle, and Balvaird Castle. Now it is time to focus on Towie Barclay Castle. Next month, we will feature a lovely piece by Karen Ellington about the restoration of the castle and their time raising their family there.

Until then, you can find some resources at these links.

- Our Clan Barclay website provides a brief history of Towie Barclay Castle.
- Clan Barclay's Chief Genealogist and Historian, Tim Barclay, responds to the story of Thomas the Rhymer and the Weird of Towie and provides historical relevance and documentation.
- *The Sunday Post* featured an article about Karen Ellington on 28 June 2019.
- *The Northern Scot* ran an obituary for Marc Ellington on 23 February 2021.

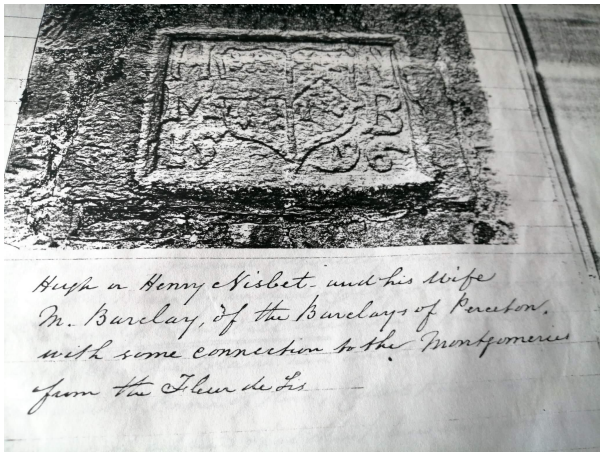
Stay tuned for more on Towie Barclay Castle…

Filidh's Feature

Filidh /fɪlɪ/– clan genealogist, historian, storyteller, poet
By Tim Barclay

Margaret Barclay of Perceton Part II

Memorial Plaque for Margaret Barclay of Perceton | Courtesy: Tim Barclay



Memorial Plaque for Margaret Barclay of Perceton | Courtesy: Tim Barclay

The search for Margaret Barclay's maternal grandmother represented in her arms by a mullet requires a closer examination of the records concerning Robert II Hamilton of Dalserf. It is of some note that many accounts conflate Robert with his father, Robert I, but the elder Robert died between 1565 and 1573 and his son, who married Isabel Hamilton of Broomlands in late 1549 or early 1550, was referred to as Robert Hamilton younger of Dalserf in his father's lifetime.

"*Charter granted by Gavin, commendator of the monastery of Kilwinning and the convent thereof, of the Order of St Benedict in the diocese of Glasgow in favour of Robert Hamilton of Dalserf, younger and Isabella Hamilton, his spouse, and the longest liver of them two in conjunct infeftment and the heirs lawfully procreated or to be procreated between them …*" [NRS, GD3/1/1/90/1]
Hamilton genealogists state Robert II and Isabel's eldest son was Robert III, who married Sarah Brisbane of Bishopton, by whom he had William Hamilton, who succeeded, as well as younger sons Robert Hamilton of Nerston and Mr. James Hamilton, Dean of Glasgow. However, Robert III is consistently referred to as Robert II's eldest son and never as his heir.
"*Charter by Robert Hammiltoun, younger, of Dalserf, with consent of Isabella Hammiltoun, his spouse, to Robert Hammiltoun, his eldest son …*" [NRS, GD90/1/172]

"*William levis ye said Issobell introx to his barnes …. and failying of her he levis Rot Hamiltoune of Dalserff Rot Hamiltoun his sone …*" [Testament of William Barclay of Perceton, Edinburgh Commissary Court CC8/8/21]
Moreover, it was evidently Robert III who held the lands of West Nerston and, at his death (which occurred during his father's lifetime), his heir in these lands was his brother, William Hamilton, younger of Dalserf.

"*Willelmus Hamiltoun feoditarius de Dalserf, haeres Roberti Hamilton de Nerston, fratris, in dimediatate occidentali terrarum de Nerstoun, in baronia de Kilbryde.*" [Retours and Services of Heirs, Lanarkshire, No.20. 10 May 1601]
Following William's death before 1630 then his eldest son, William II Hamilton, was served heir to his grandfather, Robert II Hamilton of Dalserf.
"*Willielmus Hamiltoun de Dalserf, haeres Roberti Hamilton de Dalserff, patrui.*" [Retours and Services of Heirs, Lanarkshire, No.1708, 19 Jun 1630]
Notably, Nerston was held in superiority by Robert Lindsay of Dunrod before 1561 and both eastern and western portions were later inherited by his great-grandson, Alexander Lindsay of Dunrod.

"*1 October 1561. William Colquhoun, son of q. Peter Colquhoun, acknowledged that he had received from Robert Lyndsaye of Dunrod the sum of 200 merks for redemption of an annualrent of 20 merks, payable furth of the lands of Narstoun, in the shire of Lanark …*" [Glasgow Protocols, V, no.1414]
"*Alexander Lyndesay de Dunrod, haeres Dominii Johannis Lyndesay de Dunrod, militis, patris, - in terris de Nerstoun; - molendino de Nerstoun, terris molendinariis ejusdem, et astrictis multuris terrarum de Nerstoun Eister et Wester, in baronia de Kilbryde; …*" [Retours and Services of Heirs, Lanarkshire, No.69. 6 Jan 1607]

Finally, we may note the arms borne by Lindsay of Dunrod, described as "*Gules, a fess chequy argent and azure, between three mullets of the second.*"
A conclusion may now be reached. Robert II Hamilton of Dalserf must have had a relationship with a daughter of Robert Lindsay of Dunrod, by whom he had Robert III, his eldest son, and Isabel Hamilton, wife of William III Barclay of Perceton. Whether this was a marriage under Catholic rites, which would not be recognised by the Protestant administration of King James VI, thus leading to Robert III being excluded from succession, or a common law relationship, which would have the same effect, is uncertain. Regardless, following the birth of Robert III and Isabel, Robert II then married Isabel Hamilton of Broomhill around 1550, by whom he had William Hamilton, his heir, and Mr James Hamilton, Dean of Glasgow.

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