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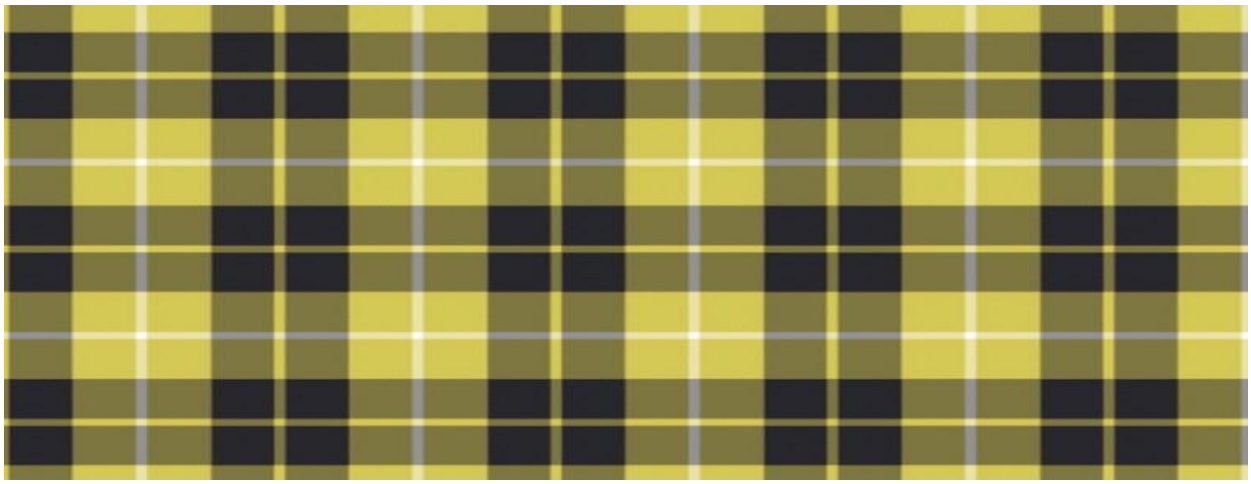


Greetings Clan Barclay! Here are a few items you may want to note on your calendar:

THE CAPTAIN BARCLAY ALLARDICE SOCIETY (1779 to 1854)
OSCR Charity Number SC044662
(registered as a charity by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator on 13 February 2014)

The Trustees: Anne Macdonald, Humphrey Barclay, Desmond Cheyne

YOUR INVITATION to a WALK FOR CHARITY at BALMORAL CASTLE , ROYAL DEESIDE ,

SUNDAY 21 MAY 2023 from 11am

BY THE GRACIOUS PERMISSION of HM THE KING

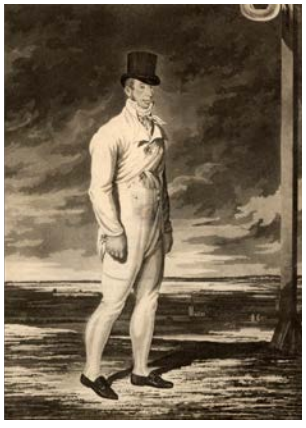
AND with the KIND ASSISTANCE of R. R. GLEDSON Esq. RESIDENT FACTOR,

ORGANISED by THE TRUSTEES of THE CAPTAIN BARCLAY ALLARDICE SOCIETY (1779 to 1854).

THE WALKS will take you through the GLORIOUS SCENERY of UPPER DEESIDE along some of the BALMORAL ESTATE private roads and tracks . CHOICE of THREE CIRCULAR WALKS of approximately 5 MILES , 11 MILES and 15 MILES. ALL ROUTES START and FINISH at BALMORAL CASTLE. THE TEAROOM and TOILET facilities will be available to participants.

SUGGESTED DONATION of £20 per person and £10 per child for children under 16. DONATIONS will be to THE PRINCE'S TRUST. (NO NEED to OBTAIN SPONSORS). SHORTER WALKS AVAILABLE ALONG THE BANKS of the RIVER DEE and to VIEW THE ROYAL HERD of HIGHLAND PONIES. BRING A PICNIC to the PICNIC from 2pm.

EVENT COORDINATOR - ANNE MACDONALD.



PLEASE CONTACT ANNE MADONALD by email at a.mcdonald0775@googlemail.com for more information about the walk, to obtain your ticket to attend the event and to obtain directions to the parking area. All persons intending to take part in the walk and picnic must please register by email with Anne Macdonald by Saturday 13 May 2023 .

More news from Anne MacDonald: The Captain Barclay Allardice Society Annual Lunch will be on Sunday 3 September 2023–same venue as in 2022–the Tor Na Coille Hotel in Banchory, Scotland. More details to follow.

The Towie Pipe Band, led by our very own Drum Major Bill Barclay, will be at the following gatherings in Scotland in summer 2023:

- ➔ Oldmeldrum Sports: 17 June
- ➔ Forres Games: 8 July
- ➔ Dufftown Games: 29 July
- ➔ Aboyne Games: 5 August
- ➔ Ballater Games: 10 August
- ➔ Lonach Gathering: 26 August

See Bill Barclay and the Towie Pipe Band at this link!

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.

Yours aye,

Leah

Message from the the Maor

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

Introducing Richard Holman-Baird of Rickarton, Ury, and Lochwood

In the last several editions, we have highlighted places important to Barclay history. Now we turn our attention to Ury. When the Barclays of Ury sold the Ury estate, it was the Baird family who purchased it. Richard Holman-Baird lives very near Ury at his family's Rickarton estate. When visiting Scotland in September 2022, I had the opportunity to meet Richard, and he graciously showed us some Ury treasures from the Baclay's time, took us to see the Ury Estate and the progress being made on its restoration, and showed us the Ury Houff (mausoleum) that is the final resting place for both Barclays and Bairds. We are grateful for his generosity of time and spirit.

The following biography is reprinted from the newsletter for Grandfather Mountain Highland Games 2022 | gmhg.org

Richard Baird of Rickarton, Ury, and Lochwood was named Commander of Clan Baird in August of 2019, after a Clan Family Convention at the University of Edinburgh. The Honorable Lord Lyon King of Arms sent his representative to hold court at St. Leonard's Hall and seventy-three Bairds came from around the world, sixty-nine of them voting for Richard to be our leader.

Richard Holman-Baird at Ballater, November 2022 | Courtesy: Richard Holman-Baird

The 12th Earl of Kintore, James Ian (Baird) Keith was Richard's grandfather, and later became the Chief of the Keiths. When he became the Earl of Kintore, he called the then 12-year-old Richard into his office and told him that he expected him to lead the Bairds. Richard took this to heart and has certainly done all his grandfather expected. Previously, the Earl talked with the then-Lord Lyon, and gained permission to begin a Baird Society, thus was born the Clan Baird Society Worldwide. Richard's family has supported the Society and helped it continue, with his mother Lady Diana Holman nee Baird, the daughter of the 12th Earl of Kintore, working to help all Bairds, and now Richard and his family are doing the same….

Richard runs a farm near Stonehaven, south of Aberdeen, Scotland. It is the last hereditary estate remaining in the Baird families of Scotland. Rickarton Estate is 6,000 acres and is stocked with 1.300 breeding Scottish Blackface ewes. In the summer grassland is let to local cattle farmers who don't have enough grazing themselves. The farm has lately become involved in wind power-producing turbines and has a "farm" of those on the property now. When Richard is not working the farm, he is an active member of the Royal Company of Archers, the [late] Queen's body guard when she [was] in Scotland.

Interview with Richard Holman-Baird

Leah: How and when did the Baird family come to possess the Ury Estate?

Richard: We bought it from the Barclay Executors in 1854 and my Grandfather sold the main of it in 1946 to pay the Inheritance Tax and his father's debts.

Ury Barclay Tower House (Left) and Quaker Meeting House (Right) |
Courtesy: Richard Holman-Baird

Leah: The structure that was home to the Barclay family no longer stands. What happened to the Barclay Ury House? Who had the Baird Ury House built, and when was it built?

Richard: I suspect the original house was not in very good condition and regarded as too small for the Bairds, who made their fortune through coal and pig iron near Glasgow. I'm afraid the house was demolished and the current house built around the 1850s

Leah: What do you think about the Baird Ury House? I have heard both Barclays and Bairds say less than complimentary things about its aesthetics.

Richard: Personally I think it is a bit of a 'fashion' statement of the time and smacks for 'new money', but perhaps that's only me?!

Leah: The Baird Ury House is in a state of ruin now. What happened to it?

Richard: There was a fire in the dining room and then the roof was taken off to save on local Council tax.

Leah: The Baird family no longer owns Ury, and it currently is undergoing reconstruction. Who owns it now, and what are their plans upon completion of the reconstruction? Do you know if the public will have access to it?

Richard: As I have said, my Grandfather sold the bulk of the Estate at the end of WW2, although I still own small bits and all the fishing rights. My grandfather also gave me the Barony of Ury when he became the Earl of Kintore (Keith title). The estate is now owned by a small development company called FM Development. The plan is to build an 18-hole golf course, laid out by Jack Nicholas. The house will be converted into flats and the club house for the golf course, so I suspect the Public will be welcome to visit.

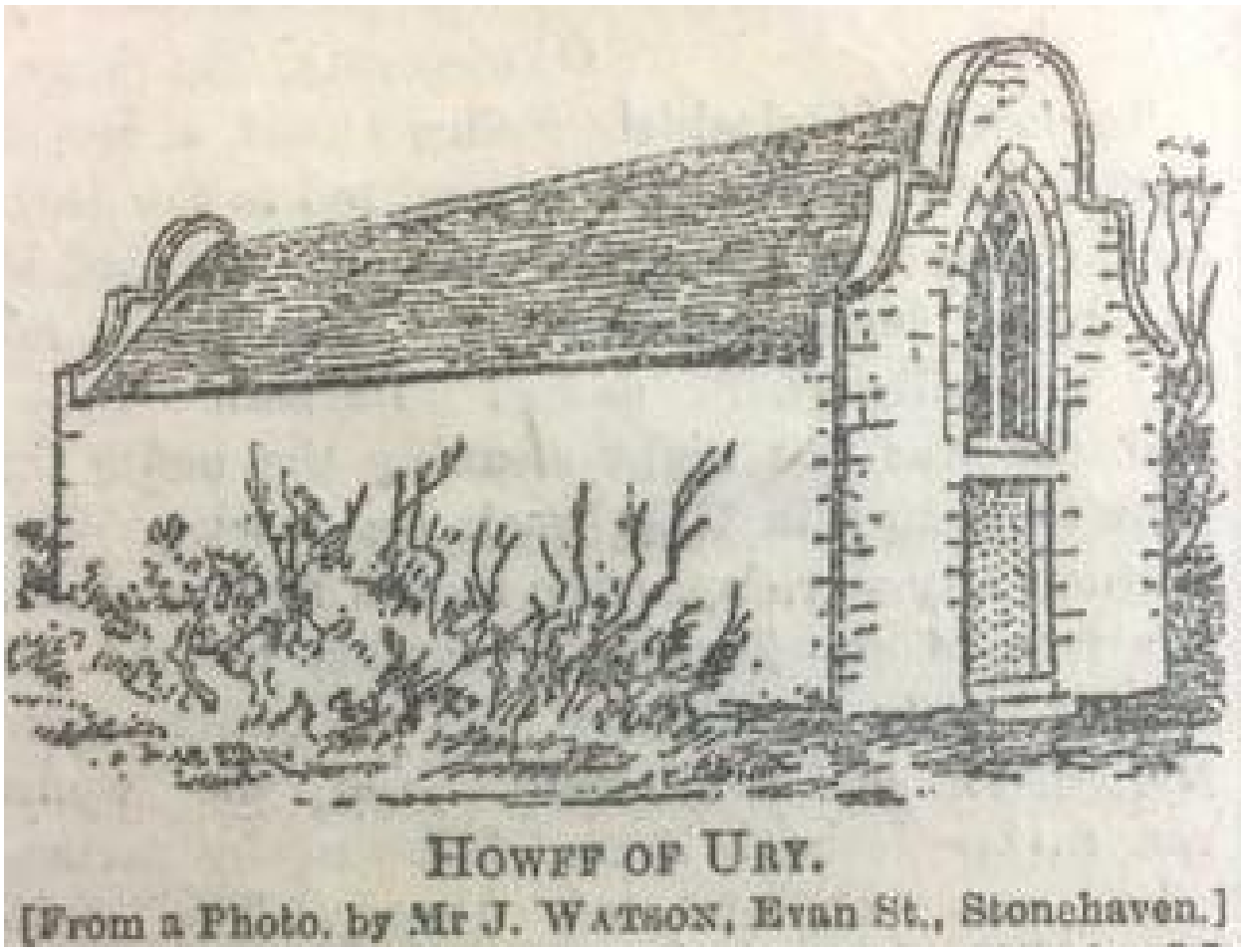
Ury House Under Reconstruction in September 2022 | Courtesy: Leah Parker

Leah: The Ury Houff (mausoleum) is the final resting place for both Barclays and Bairds. Which Barclays are buried there?

Richard: Many Barclays are buried there, but as Quakers had unmarked graves, the most famous Barclay is probably Robert Barclay, the Apologist, who wrote 'AN APOLOGY', which outlines the Principles and Doctrines of the People called Quakers. There are tablets in the Barclay part of the Mausoleum.

Leah: Are there any Bairds buried there you would like to tell us about?

Richard: John Lawrence Baird, Governor General of Australia and 1st Viscount Stonehaven, Brigadier General A. Walter F. Baird, J. Ian Baird, 2nd Viscount Stonehaven and (latterly by Deed Poll, Keith) 12th Earl of Kintore.



Old Sketch of the Ury Houff/Howff (Mausoleum) | Courtesy: Leah Parker

Outside the Ury Houff Mausoleum with Richard Holman-Baird (right) and local History and Community Expert Jim (left) | Courtesy: Leah Parker

Visiting the Barclay Half of the Ury Houff Mausoleum with Richard Holman-Baird | Courtesy: Leah Parker

Leah: The Ury Houff is in a state of disrepair, but you are leading efforts to restore it. Tell us about the restoration plans.

Richard: The Clan Baird Society Scotland SCIO is a registered Scottish Charity and is hoping to stop any further deterioration to the Mausoleum, boundary wall and Baird Gravestones. This is going to cost a fair bit of money and we will be making Grant applications to Scottish Bodies and the National Lottery. The original Barclay Mausoleum was half the current size as the Bairds mirror imaged the original footprint.

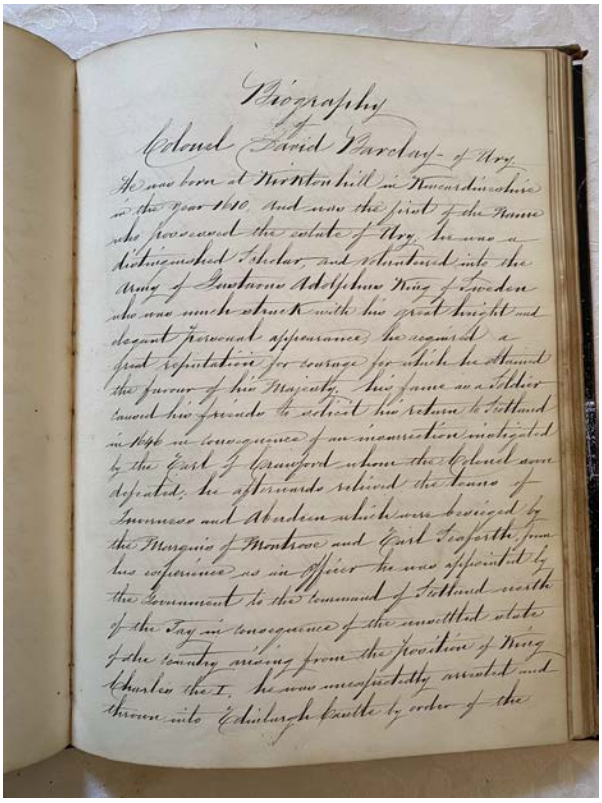
Inside the Ury Houff Mausoleum with Its Walls Lined with Barclay Family Memorial Markers | Courtesy: Leah Parker

Memorial Marker of Robert Barclay Ury II, the Quaker Apologist | Courtesy: Leah Parker

Leah: You possess some Ury Barclay treasures. What are your favorites?

Richard: A couple of books, an original Apology written by Robert Barclay, a Baron Court Book of Urie and an old Estate Record book.

Left to Right: Quaker Apology from the 1800s, Quaker Catechism by Robert Barclay Ury II, First Edition Quaker Apology, Estate Record Book, Book about the Barony of Ury | Courtesy: Richard Holman-Baird and Leah Parker

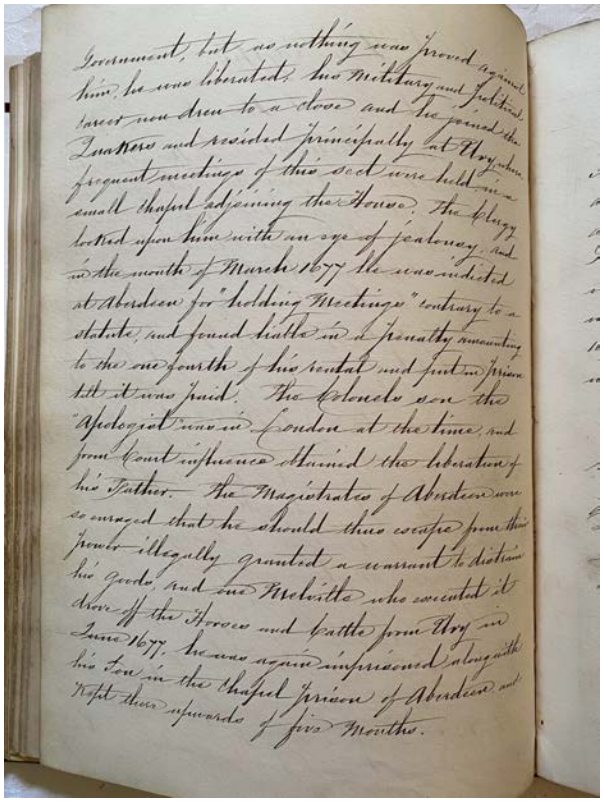


Biography

Colonel David Barclay of Ury

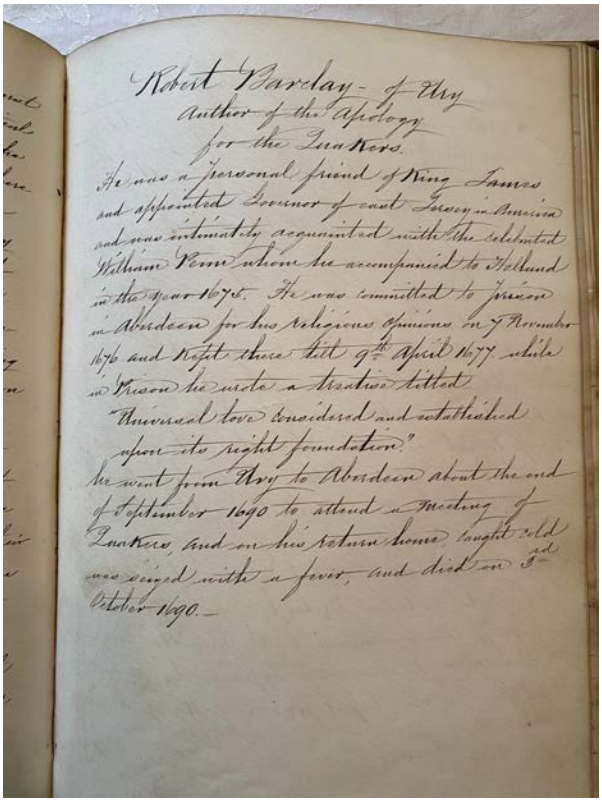
He was born at Monkton hill in Aberdeenshire in the year 1610, and was the first of the Name who possessed the estate of Ury. he was a distinguished Scholar, and volunteered into the Army of Gustavus Adolphus King of Sweden who was much struck with his great knight and elegant personal appearance, he acquired a great reputation for courage for which he shared the favour of his Majesty. his fame as a Soldier caused his friends to solicit his return to Scotland in 1638 in consequence of an insurrection instigated by the Earl of Crawford whom the Colonel soon defeated, he afterwards relieved the towns of Inverness and Aberdeen which were besieged by the Marquis of Montrose and Earl Seaforth from his experience as an Officer he was appointed by the Government to the command of Scotland north of the Tay in consequence of the unsettled state of the country arising from the Invasion of King Charles the I. he was unexpectedly arrested and thrown into Edinburgh Castle by order of the

Record Book: David Barclay p 1 | Courtesy: Leah Parker



Government, but as nothing was proved against him, he was liberated. his Military and Political career now drew to a close and he joined the Quakers and resided principally at Ury where frequent meetings of this sect were held in a small Chapel adjoining the House. the Clergy looked upon him with an eye of jealousy, and in the month of March 1677 he was indicted at Aberdeen for "holding Meetings" contrary to a statute, and found liable in a penalty amounting to the one fourth of his rental and put in Prison till it was paid. The Colonels son the Apologist was in London at the time, and from Court influence obtained the liberation of his Father. The Magistrates of Aberdeen were so enraged that he should thus escape from their power illegally granted a warrant to distrain his Goods, and one Mcbeattie who executed it drove off the Horses and Cattle from Ury in June 1677. he was again imprisoned along with his Son in the Chapel Prison of Aberdeen and kept there upwards of five Months.

Record Book: David Barclay p 2 | Courtesy: Leah Parker

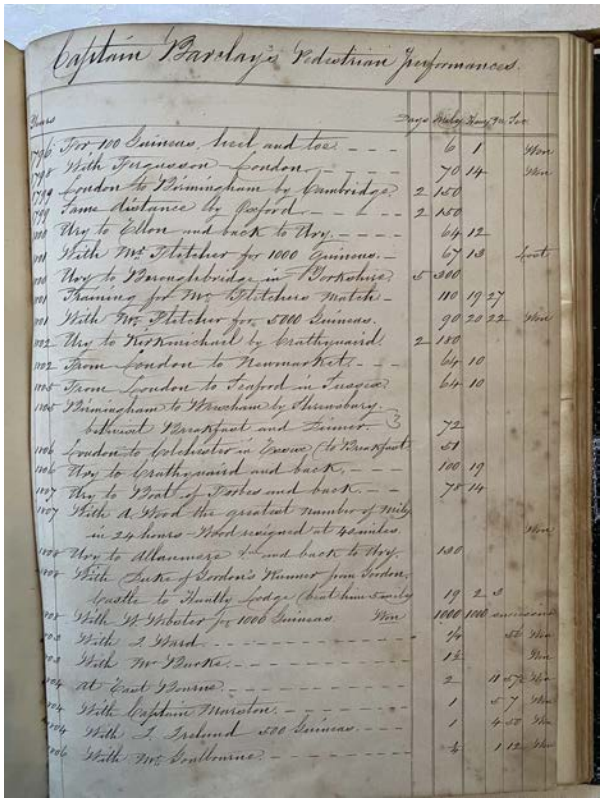


Robert Barclay of Ury
Author of the Apology
for the Quakers.

He was a personal friend of King James and appointed Governor of east Jersey in America and was intimately acquainted with the celebrated William Penn whom he accompanied to Holland in the year 1675. He was committed to Prison in Aberdeen for his religious opinions on 7 November 1676 and kept there till 9th April 1677 while in Prison he wrote a treatise titled "Universal love considered and established upon its right foundation."

he went from Ury to Aberdeen about the end of September 1690 to attend a Meeting of Quakers, and on his return home, caught cold was seized with a fever, and died on 3rd October 1690.

Record Book: Robert Barclay | Courtesy: Leah Parker



Captain Barclay's Pedestrian performances.

Years		Days	Miles	Hours	Min	For
1796	For 100 Guineas heel and toe		6	1		Hon
1796	With Fuzgerson London		70	14		Wm
1799	London to Birmingham by Cambridge	2	150			
1799	Same distance by Oxford	2	150			
1800	Ury to Ellon and back to Ury		64	12		
1801	With Mr Fletcher for 1000 Guineas		67	13		Scott
1802	Ury to Bromsbridge in Yorkshire	5	300			
1803	Training for Mr Fletchers Match		110	19	27	
1803	With Mr Fletcher for 5000 Guineas		90	20	22	Wm
1802	Ury to Newmarket by Strathmaird	2	180			
1802	From London to Newmarket		64	10		
1803	Same London to Seaford in Sussex		64	10		
1805	Birmingham to Wrexham by Shrewsbury					
	between Yarmouth and Lennon	3	72			
1806	London to Colchester a Cross (to Yarmouth		51			
1806	Ury to Strathmaird and back		100	19		
1807	Ury to Mail of Fowles and back		75	14		
1807	With A Wood the greatest number of miles in 24 hours Wood resigned at 92 miles					Wm
1808	Ury to Allanmaye and back to Ury		130			
1808	With Duke of Gordon's Runner from Gordon Castle to Huntly Lodge (but ham's family		19	2	5	
1808	With Mr Webster for 1000 Guineas Wm		100	100		engineer
1809	With A Ward		14		45	Wm
1809	With Mr Burke		12			Wm
1809	at East Dereve		2		18	Wm
1809	With Captain Minstone		1		8	Wm
1809	With A Ireland 500 Guineas		1		4	Wm
1806	With Mr Goodhouse		4		1	Wm

Record Book: Robert Barclay Allardice the Pedestrian | Courtesy: Leah Parker

Richard Holman-Baird

Leah: In your biography, we learned that you are a member of the Royal Company of Archers, the late Queen's bodyguard when she was in Scotland. Since the Queen has passed, will you continue in your role as a member of the Royal Company of Archers for King Charles? Will the Royal Company of Archers play any part in the coronation festivities in London, or are you only active in Scotland?

Richard: We are the Sovereign's Bodyguard as the Royal Company of Archers, now the King's Bodyguard for Scotland, so we are very much active. We will have a small detachment at the Coronation in London, but our main duties are at 'Royal week' in Edinburgh in July. I have got a very good duty this year, being posted inside St. Giles's Cathedral for another 'coronation' service to celebrate the new King.

For more information, see the following links:

- Richard Holman-Baird of Rickarton, Ury, and Lochwood
- Clan Baird Worldwide
- Rickarton Estate
- Royal Company of Archers

Filidh's Feature

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

The Barclays of Fife: Part 1

Lordscairnie Castle, Built by the Lindsay Earls of Crawford, Probably on the Site of an Earlier Fortification at Carnie Barclay, Moonzie parish, Fife [Photo: Canmore DP 208138]

The presence of two brothers named David in the early Barclay family has, perhaps unsurprisingly, long-caused problems for genealogists, but the authors of *The History of the Scottish Barclays* and *A History of the Barclay Family* have both settled upon the idea they were the sons of David I de Berkeley of Lordscairnie, in Fife, who died between 1309 and 1314, possibly at the Battle of Bannockburn. Why they should have done so, though, is unclear.

Certainly, David II de Berkeley was the eldest son of David I and, as is well-known, was married in 1315 to Margaret, heiress of David de Brechin by his first marriage to Margaret de Bonkyll, widow of Sir John Stewart of Dundonald, who died at the Battle of Falkirk in 1298. A wealth of evidence suggests David II's birthdate was between 1283 and 1293, comfortably within the timeframe of his cousins, John, son and heir of Patrick de Berkeley of Crawfordjohn, born 1276 x 1283, and Hugh, son of Walter de Berkeley of Kerko, born 1277 x 1297. But David II's supposed younger brother, usually referred to as David de Berkeley "of Cockairnie" (from his possession of the lands of the same name in Kinross-shire), was evidently not married until about 1339 (± 5 years), a generation after that of David II, and was subsequently also married to Elizabeth, daughter of William, earl of Fife, in 1359. The A *History of the Barclay Family* attempts to explain this by stating David I was also married twice, with each son being the issue of his different marriages, but further issues exist in their ascribing to David I's second marriage an unnamed daughter who later married Alexander de Lindsay, who was himself not born until c.1329 (± 4 years). Equally problematic is the absence from the account from A *History of the Barclay Family* of David I's daughter who married Sir John de Soules either slightly earlier, or just after, John's return from France in the aftermath of the Battle of Bannockburn.

The chronological evidence alone, such as it is then, indicates David de Berkeley "of Cockairnie" was certainly not the son of David I de Berkeley but was most likely instead the grandson of David I and the younger son of David II de Berkeley and Margaret de Brechin. However, the implications of this are extensive.

To be continued …

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