

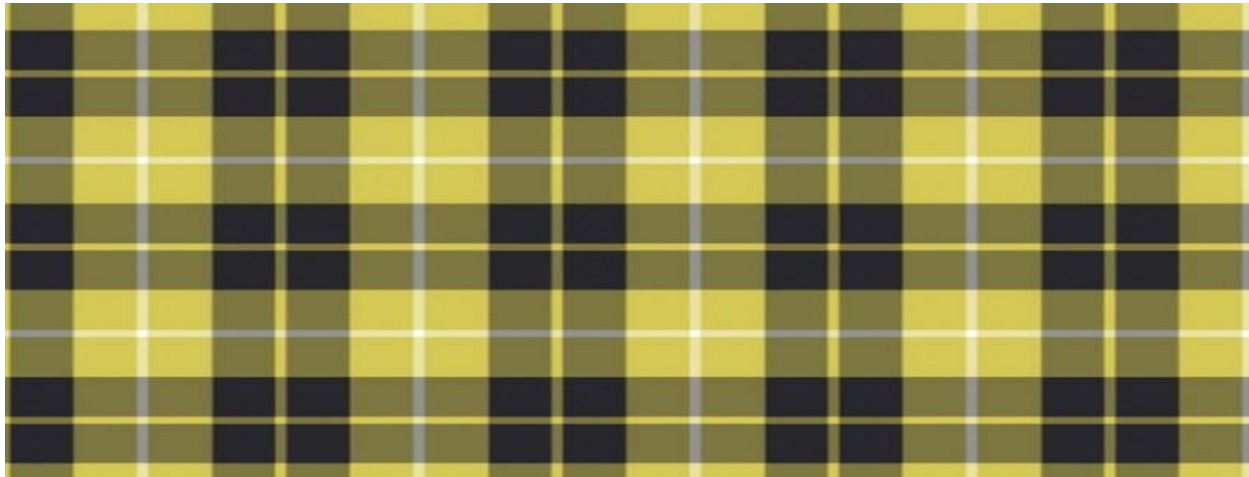


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Greetings Clan Barclay!

I know you join me in wishing Penny O'Rorke, twin sister of our late Chief Peter Charles Barclay, a very happy birthday. I had the great pleasure of spending time with Penny in September 2022. I also had the honor of interviewing Penny and featured that interview in the July 2023 edition of the *Barclay Broadside*, which can be found [here](#).

Very best regards, Penny, and I hope you enjoy a lovely birthday celebration!



Penny and her husband Phillip, The O'Rorke, 32nd Chief of his Name, during our visit | Courtesy: Leah Parker



Bill Barclay at Dufftown Highland Games In 2022 | Courtesy: Braemar Media

I love travel shows, and one of my favorites is *The Reluctant Traveler* with Eugene Levy. Season 2 premieres on 8 March 2024 on Apple TV, and you can find the short trailer [here](#).

Pay attention to that trailer! Who is the smiling man standing behind Mr. Levy at the 45 second mark? Why, that's our very own Bill Barclay, Drum Major of the Towie Pipe Band and all-around good guy! As a fan of both Bill Barclay and Eugene Levy (in that order), I can't wait to watch this episode filmed in Scotland!

To read our interview with Bill featured in the June 2023 edition of the *Barclay Broadside*, click [here](#).

Yours aye,

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Message from the the Maor

Maor/mu:r/- clan factor (doer/maker), supervisor, officer
By Leah Parker, MAEd

Barclay Connections - Sir Ewen Cameron of Lochiel

In our first edition of the *Barclay Broadside* reboot, [October 2021](#), we featured an article by Humphrey Barclay, Chief of the House of Barclay of Mathers and Urie. He told us about the old Urie/Ury Estate, the Howff (Barclay mausoleum), nearby [Dunnottar Castle](#), and the town of Stonehaven. (Additionally, we featured a fun ghost story involving Ury!)



Ury House and Quaker Meeting House |
Courtesy: Humphrey Barclay



Ury Howff Mausoleum |
Courtesy: Humphrey Barclay

If you are ever lucky enough to find yourself in that part of Scotland, do yourself a favor and see Dunnottar Castle. I recommend you visit in the morning to avoid crowds and gusty afternoon winds that sometimes close access to the castle. After visiting Dunnottar, make your way to the nearby town of Stonehaven. There is a lovely trail that follows the coast from the castle to town, and it is easily walkable. I would suggest that you drive over, though, freeing up space in the small car park for other visitors to the castle. After a morning visit to the castle, it will be the perfect time to get lunch in Stonehaven. The [Waterfront Café and Bar](#) on Allardice St. (B979) is a nice place with a lovely view. Then be sure to visit Barclay Street. If you go to the north end of the street, there is a large sign that says “Barclay Street” in front of a stone wall, and it makes for a fun photo opportunity.



Dunnottar Castle |
Courtesy: Humphrey Barclay

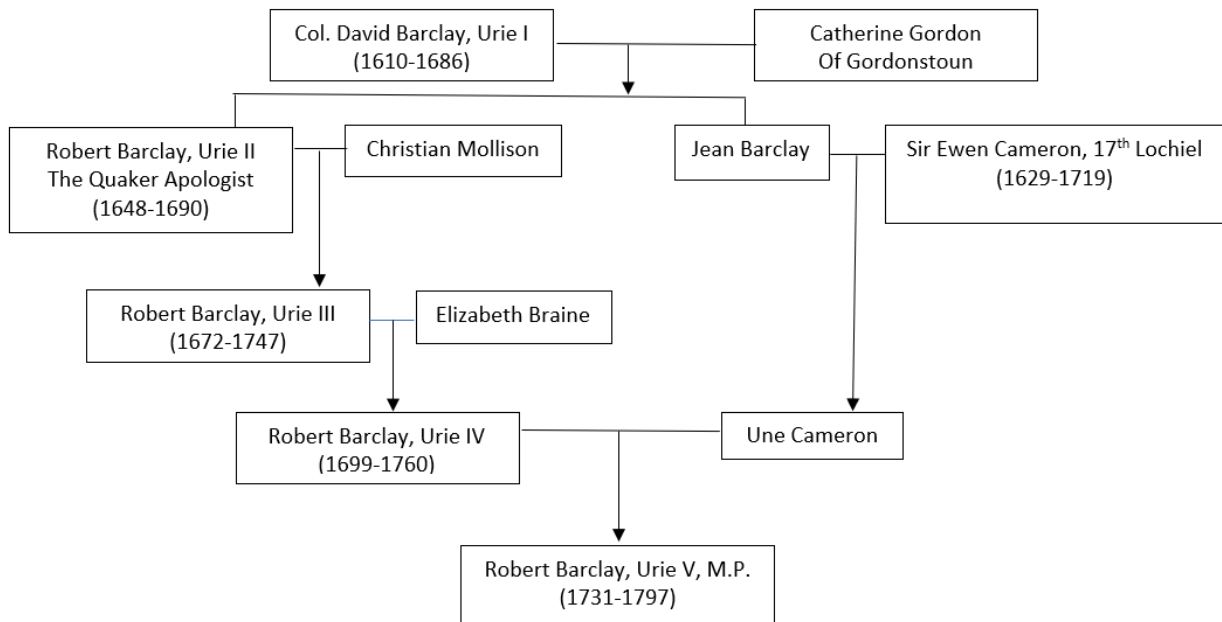


Visiting Barclay Street in Stonehaven |
Courtesy: Leah Parker

Now for a little history. [Stonehaven](#) is a pretty coastal town south of Aberdeen, heavily influenced by our Barclay kin and their friends and family. *History of the Scottish Barclays* explains on p 58: “Robert Barclay [Urie V], was born 27th November 1732, and succeeded his father 10th October 1760. He sat as M.P. for Kincardineshire in three successive Parliaments, and was well known in Scotland as a practical agriculturalist. The Laird laid the foundations of the new town of Stonehaven [on the old town of Stonehyve] by [feuing](#) certain lands which he had acquired. He died 8th April 1797. He married, first, 3rd June 1753, his cousin Lucy Barclay, only daughter of his uncle David and by her who died 23rd March 1757, he had issue one daughter.... Urie married, secondly, 2nd December 1776, Sarah Ann Allardice.” Their son and heir to Urie was [Robert Barclay-Allardice](#) (1779-1854), father of the sport of pedestrianism, precursor to racewalking.

If you examine a [map of Stonehaven](#), you will find street names reflecting the impact of the Barclays of Urie/Ury. For example, names of the streets include “Barclay,” “David,” “Robert,” “Urie Cres,” “Allardice,” and “Cameron.” Almost all of those names should be recognizable to anyone familiar with the Barclays of Ury, but what about Cameron? Do you know that name?

Let’s look at an abbreviated family tree that highlights the connection. (Note that there are other children and siblings not noted on this tree. The purpose of this tree is to demonstrate the Barclay/Cameron relationship.) A fuller family tree can be found in [A History of the Barclay Family, Part III](#).



Sir Ewen Cameron, 17th Locheil

If you are unfamiliar with [Ewen Cameron](#), let me introduce you. Sir Ewen Cameron of Lochiel (1629-1719) was a Scottish highland chief, the 17th Lochiel, born in February 1629. So happy Birthday, Sir Ewen! He married three times, and his third wife was Jean Barclay, daughter of Colonel David Barclay, Urie I (1610-1686). Then Ewen Cameron and Jean Barclay's daughter, Une Cameron, married Robert Barclay, Urie IV (1699-1760).

Consider the irony. Although Sir Ewen Cameron was the son-in-law of [Colonel David Barclay](#) (early Quaker pacifist) and brother-in-law of [Robert Barclay](#) (renowned Quaker Apologist), Lochiel followed the tradition of his Cameron forefathers and was an important Scottish warrior chief. There is a well-known story about a particular one-on-one battle in which he engaged with an English soldier. John Drummond in his [Memoirs of Sir Ewen Cameron of Locheill](#) gives the following account of that infamous encounter on pp 118-119 (original spelling used here):

...We shall... follow the young Chieff [Sir Ewen Cameron of Locheil], who mett with a most surprising adventure. It was his chance to follow a few [English soldiers] that fled into the wood, where he killed two or three with his own hand, non having pursued that way but himself. The officer who commanded the party had likeways fled thither, but concealing himself in a bush, Locheill had not noticed him. This gentleman, observing that he was alone, started suddenly out of his lurking-place, and attacked him in his return, threatning, as he rushed furiously upon him, to revenge the slaughter of his countrey men by his death. Locheill, who had also his sword in his hand, received him with equall resolution. The combate was long and doubtfull; both fought for their lives; and as they were both animated by the same fury and courage, so they seemed to manage their swords with the same dexterity. The English gentleman had by far the advantage in strength and size, but Locheill exceeding him in nimbleness and agility, in the end tript the sword out of his hand. But he was not allowed to make use of this advantage; for his antagonist flyeing upon him with incredible quickness, they inclosed and wrestled till both fell to the ground in other's arms. In this posture they struggled, and tumbled up and doun till they fixt in the channell of a brooke, betwixt two strait banks, which then, by the drouth of summer, chanced to be dry. Here Locheill was in a most dismall and desperate situation; for being under most, he was not only crushed under the weight of his antagonist, (who was an exceeding big man,) but likeways sore hurt, and bruized by many sharp stones that were below him. Their strength was so far spent, that neither of them could stirr a limb; but the English gentleman, by the advantage of being uppermost, at last recovered the use of his right hand. With it he seized a dagger that hung at his belt, and made severall attempts to stab his adversarey, who all the while held him fast ; but the narrowness of the place where they were confyned, and the posture they were in, rendering the execution very difficult, and almost impracticable, while he was so straitly embraced, he made a most violent effort to disingadge himself ; and in that action, raiseing his head and streaching his neck, Locheill, who by this had his hands at liberty, with his left suddently seized him by the right, and with the other by the collar, and jumping at his extended throat, which he used to say, "God putt in his mouth," he bitt it quitt throw, and kept such hold of his grip, that he brought away his mouthfull! This, he said, was the sweetest bite ever he had in his lifetime! The reader may imagine in what a pickle he would be, after receiving such a gush of warm blood, as naturally flowed from so wide ane orifice.

Ummm... Yikes! Did you get that? Ewen Cameron bit through the throat of his English adversary in order to defeat him.

One more item of note: When [Bonnie Prince Charlie](#) landed in Scotland in August 1745, he was met by [Donald Cameron](#) the 19th Lochiel, grandson of Sir Ewen Cameron, and he pledged his clan's full support to Charles. Some [sources](#) contend that the "Jacobite rising of 1745 might never had happened if Lochiel had not come out with his clan." The men of Clan Cameron were warriors like their fathers before them, fighting as Jacobites at the [Battle of Prestonpans](#), [Battle of Falkirk](#), and on the frontlines at the [Battle of Culloden](#). Donald Cameron survived Culloden and took refuge in France, where he died in 1748.



Charles Edward Stuart, Bonnie Prince Charlie



Donald Cameron, 19th of Locheil

I visited Culloden in August 2019, and I wandered the grounds with our tour guide and told her about our Barclay connections to Clan Cameron. When we boarded the tour bus after seeing Culloden, she took to the speaker to announce to the group: "Among us we have someone with a connection to Clan Cameron who played an important part at Culloden. Let's congratulate her." The busload of visitors erupted in applause, and when they figured out it was me, there were plenty of smiles and pats on the back. Not that I did anything special. I just happened to be born into a family with some interesting connections to history!



Battle of Culloden



Memorial Cairn Built in 1881



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