

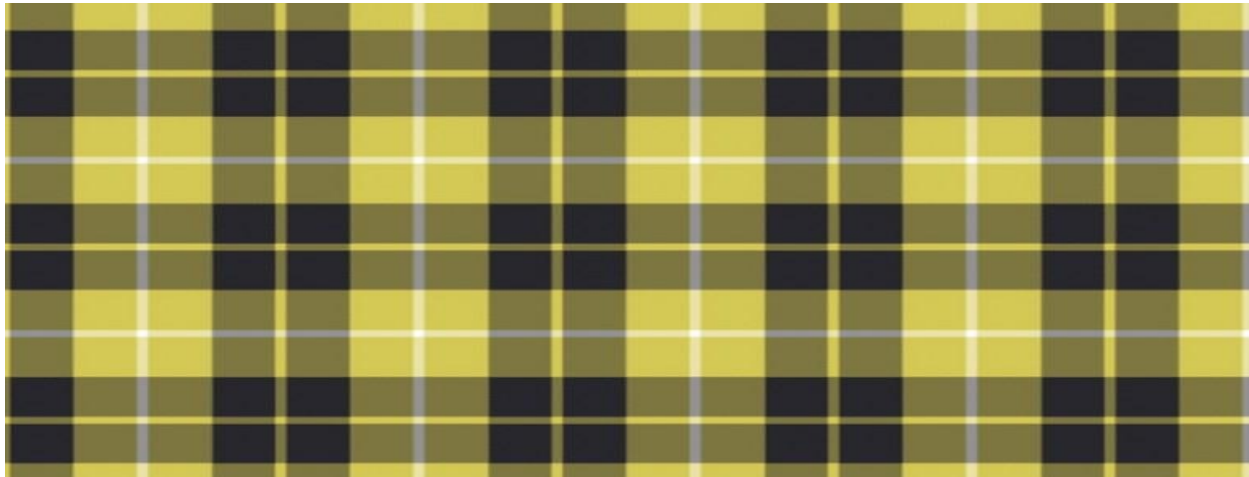


Clan Barclay International Newsletter
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Barclay Broadside

November 2023



It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Chief Peter, the Barclay of Towie Barclay and of that Ilk. He died peacefully at home on 2nd November 2023. He was the much loved twin brother of Penny and uncle to Annabelle and Jeremy.

On behalf of Clan Barclay, we extend our deepest sympathies to Chief Peter's family.

Penny participated in an interview for the July 2023 edition of the *Barclay Broadside* in which she talked about her and Peter and their family. If you missed the interview, you can find it at this [link](#).



Chief Peter Charles Barclay (26 February 1938 - 2 November 2023) |
Courtesy: [Clan Barclay International](#)

Message from the the Maor

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By Leah Parker, MAEd

Thank You from Clan Barclay International

As Karen Ellington is in the process of selling Towie Barclay Castle, members of Clan Barclay sent letters to express their gratitude to her and her late husband, Marc Ellington. Below are some of those well wishes for Karen.

Dear Karen,

On behalf of myself and Clan Barclay, I want to express deep gratitude for the loving care with which you and Marc restored and maintained Towie Barclay Castle and the lovely grounds. Thank you also for the kind hospitality you extended to Barclays from around the world. It was such a joy to visit the castle, and perhaps a greater joy to visit with you and Marc—you the consummate hostess and he the master story-teller. I hope we can stay in touch as you move on, and I wish you only the best in the next phase of your life.

Yours aye,

Leah Parker, Clan *Maor*, Clan Barclay International



Visiting with Marc, June 2019



Visiting with Karen, September 2022

With the greatest of gratitude for your restoration of Towie-Barclay Castle, the welcoming of Barclays to your home across the years, and wishing you all the very best for the future.

- **Tim Barclay**, Clan Fili, Clan Barclay International

Thanks for the hospitality and your preservation work.

Stan Barclay



Stan Barclay at the Castle, October 2001

We visited the Towie Barclay Castle in 1993 and you gave us the grand tour of the property. It was so nice to meet you and to thank you for restoring the Castle to its former glory. The entire Barclay Clan is forever grateful.

All the best,

Drs. Frank and Barbara Peterson



Karen and Marc with Barbara and Frank Peterson, 1993

Hi Karen:

I have attached a photo taken in 2016 when my wife and I visited Scotland, and stopped at the castle. Marc very graciously invited us in and gave us a lot of the history, even though we just showed up unannounced and knocked on the door.

John & Cory Barclay

Delta BC, Canada



John Barclay 2016

Thank you Karen for the hospitality you and Marc provided to my wife and I when you welcomed us to your home in 2014. We had a great time and spent the better part of a day with Marc talking about the history of the castle and the grounds. He made me laugh by telling me as soon as he saw me that I looked like a Barclay and that we all look alike. Thank you for being such a good steward of this property and I wish the best to you and your family.

Chris Barclay



Marc Ellington with Chris Barclay and His Wife, 2014

Dear Karen,

I just watched the video for Towie Barclay castle. The sheer amount of labor your family put into restoration is unimaginable. Thank you for showing us every crook and cranny. I hope someday to visit and perhaps get to walk in the garden.

A grateful Barclay,
Bonnie Barclay
Atlanta, Georgia

Our heartfelt thanks for allowing us to tour your incredible home and most especially for the gift of your time, knowledge and experiences. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting you and the opportunity to view such remarkable history!

Our very best to you,
Dan and Kay Barclay

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to Marc and Karen Ellington on the restoration of the Barclay Towie castle. Clearly, it required tremendous dedication and personal sacrifice.

My husband and I were in Scotland about 7 years ago and we were surprised to learn about the property. My father's family hailed from Cupar. We journeyed up to the castle and arrived just after 5pm. I was impressed with the beauty of the grounds and intrigued by the residence. No one was in sight so I wanted to knock on the door - which mortified my husband 😊. I said, "When will we ever get an opportunity like this again?" Needless to say, I yielded to his conservative nature out of respect for your privacy; but it was difficult because I wanted to acknowledge the beauty and learn more.

I am sorry that we did not possess the funds to seriously inquire about the sale. What magnificent work you both accomplished!

Thank you!

Linda (Barclay) Hoff

Grand Blanc, MI, USA

Filidh's Feature

Filidh /fɪlɪ/- clan genealogist, historian, storyteller, poet

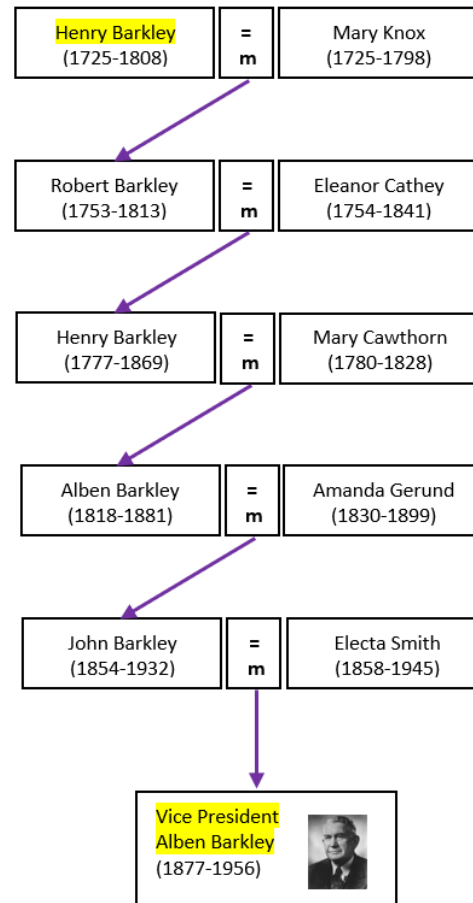
By Tim Barclay

The Many Origins of Clan Barclay - Part Two

Members of the Bartholomew family of Lothian are not the only examples of those who have adopted the Barclay surname over time. At least one branch of the Bartlet family of England evidently immigrated to Scotland by the early 1500s, where they are first found in the shires of Fife and Aberdeen. In 1540 James Bartlet and his wife, Miriam Braid, acquired the small farm of "Cultray" from Balmerino Abbey, and by the end of that century their son, John, had succeeded them there, with another James Bartlet then acquiring the same by c.1600, in which year he died. The next year, David Barclet in Luthrie was confirmed in the fee-ferm of his 1/32nd part of the lands of Luthrie which had been held by his ancestors "since beyond the recollection of man." Both Bartlets and Barclets continued in the area, and by the early 1700s at least three brothers - Patrick, David, and Robert Barclet - had begun to use the surname Barclay. Several hundred Barclays who trace their origins to Fife are now known to have descended from these brothers, and it is probable that

many other later Barclays in the county are similarly descended. It may also be noted that a family of Barclays who trace their origins to early eighteenth-century colonial Virginia are descended from the Bartlet family (though whether of England or Scotland, is less certain).

Another surname known to have undergone a transition in at least some cases is the Bartley family of Ireland. Very probably, many Barclays who emigrated from Ireland during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries have their origins in this ancient family, though of course not all Bartleys changed their name. Of those that did, one was found at Ballyshannon, in the southern end of County Donegal, whose descendants included James Barclay of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and John Barclay of Philadelphia. [<https://www.library.pasen.gov/people/member-biography?ID=4405&body=S>]. Related to them was also Henry Barclay of Rowan County, North Carolina, ancestor of Vice-President Alben Barkley, 35th Vice-President of the United States. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alben_W._Barkley]



Henry Barkley/VP Alben Barkley Connection |
Courtesy: Leah Parker

The Bartholomews, Bartlets, Barclets, and Bartleys are just some of the families whose members became Barclays at various points over the years and it remains to be seen how many others may have a similar story to tell. The Clan Barclay DNA Project has uncovered many details of a great number of Barclays otherwise indeterminable and is already one of the most detailed family-based genetic projects in the world. Y-DNA testing is crucial in determining the origins of all lineages whose ancestry becomes unclear through a lack of records and, with time and further testing, our knowledge of the true structure of our clan will only increase.

Notes from Leah:

- For more information regarding Y-DNA testing and the Barclay Surname project, please see this [link](#). You can contact Leah with questions at leah@clanbarclayinternational.org.
- For more information regarding the kinds of DNA testing and what you can learn from your results, please see this [link](#). You can contact Leah with questions at leah@clanbarclayinternational.org.

Nobody at Clan Barclay International receives any compensation when anyone tests with Family Tree DNA. Our Chief Geneticist and Historian, Tim Barclay, and I volunteer to curate results and assist with genealogical research.

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