

On the Trail of the Johnstone, Kerr, and Barclay Families

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Introduction

Many American Barclays descend from Robert Barclay (1722/23-1788), his brother Samuel Barclay Sr (1724/25-1803), and their sister Margaret Barclay King (1710/11-1785). Their siblings were Elizabeth, Catherine, and Walter Barclay, and Martha and Mary Brown. Since most of our DNA and documentary evidence deals with Robert, Samuel Sr, and Margaret, they are the primary focus of our research here, though Walter's will—featured below—offers an important clue, connecting these Barclays family members. Some have asserted that this Barclay family descended from the Urie line of Barclays, while others have speculated that, instead, they were from colonial Pennsylvania and were siblings of Henry Barkley (1725-1808), since their time in Rowan County, North Carolina, overlapped. However, Y-DNA results reveal that Robert and Samuel Sr were brothers who were related to neither the Urie line nor Henry Barkley. DNA and documentary evidence, highlighted in this [paper](#), shows that Robert Barclay, Samuel Barclay Sr, and Margaret Barclay King were siblings who were born in colonial New Jersey and died in Rowan County, North Carolina. Their mother was Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown (1695-1769), and their father was a Mr. Barclay, whose first name remained unidentified by published documentary evidence until now.

Notes

In the pre-colonial, colonial, and early post-colonial periods in America, it was not unusual for names and words to be spelled in a variety of ways. Within this document, names have different spellings. For example, we find these spellings in historical documentation: Barclay/Barkley/Barkly/Bartley, Berry/Bery, Johnston/Johnstone/Johnstoun, and Ker/Kerr. In this paper, I use the spellings used in the documents to which I am referring. Where no record is cited, I default to the Barclay, Berry, Johnstone, and Kerr spellings. One exception is when referring to Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown's father, Walter, I use the Ker spelling because that is what I find in most documentation about him. Also, in quotes used here, we find examples of what today we would consider to be misspellings, but that was the way the words were spelled within the documents cited.

Regarding dates, there are citations in this document that report two years. It is not because we are unsure of the year in which the event occurred, but because of the dating system at the time. The [Connecticut State Library on its website](#) explains it this way: "Between 1582 and 1752, not only were two calendars in use in Europe (and in European colonies), but two different starts of the year were in use in England [and its colonies]. Although the 'Legal' year began on March 25, the use of the Gregorian calendar by other European countries led to January 1 becoming commonly celebrated as 'New Year's Day' and given as the first day of the year in almanacs." So, for example, since Robert Barclay of Rowan County, North Carolina, was born between January 1 and March 25, his year of birth is reported as 1722/23.

In the table below, we reference both East Jersey and New Jersey. This is because of the dates in which the land records were executed. "From 1674 to 1702, the [Province of New Jersey](#) was divided into East Jersey and West Jersey, each with its own governor. ...On April 17, 1702, under the rule of Queen Anne, the two sections of the proprietary colony were united, and New Jersey became a royal colony."

Early East Jersey and New Jersey land records can be found or requested at the searchable databases and records requests on the [website](#) for the State of New Jersey Department of State.

Conclusion

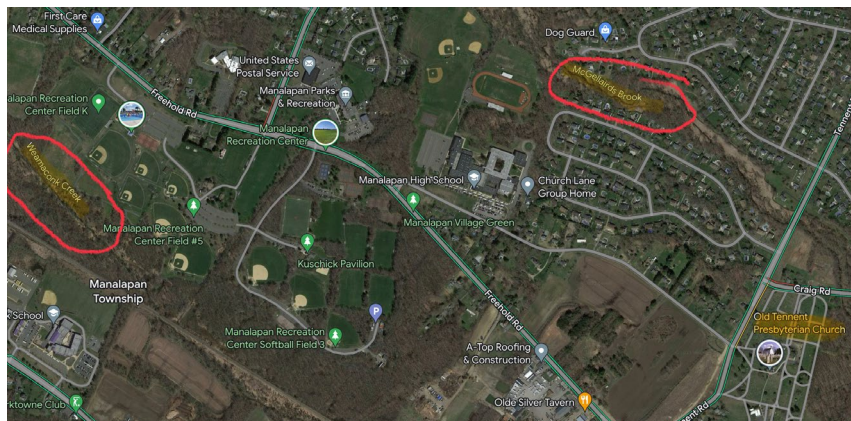
Through the records cited below, we can establish a clear connection between the Johnstone, Kerr, and Barclay families. We trace the Johnstone and Kerr families from Scotland to colonial New Jersey, we see the marriage connection of the Barclay and Kerr families, and we note some members of the Barclay family staying in colonial New Jersey while we trace other members of the Barclay family from colonial New Jersey to North Carolina. Further, we can finally name Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown's first husband with certainty: Robert Barclay. Because of New Jersey land records cited here, we shall now refer to him as **Robert Barclay of Freehold and Piscataway**.

Postscript

We see John Barclay of Perth Amboy (1659-1731) referenced in the records here. John was the son of Colonel David Barclay Urie I (1610-1686) and the brother of Robert Barclay Urie II (1648-1690), famed Quaker Apologist. He was born in Scotland and died in colonial New Jersey. John Barclay of Perth Amboy was married to Katherine (last name unknown), and she died shortly after their son John Barclay Jr AKA Captain John Barclay (1702-1786) was born. Though some have speculated that John Barclay of Perth Amboy may have been the husband of Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown and father of Robert Barclay and Samuel Barclay Sr, Y-DNA clearly shows that he could not be the father of Robert and Samuel Sr. Even so, it is clear from the records that John Barclay of Perth Amboy was a friend of James Johnstone of Spotswood and that John Barclay's son, John Barclay Jr AKA Captain John Barclay, was a friend and close associate of Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown's family. See the Postscript of this [paper](#) for further details.

For Further Research

Who were the father and immediate ancestors of Robert Barclay of Freehold and Piscataway? We do not know for certain, but we have some viable candidates. Due to Y-DNA results, we know he descended from the Barclays of Fife—perhaps the Pierston/Perecton line, the Collairnie line, or an associated cadet branch from Cleish, Kinross, Perthshire, or Angus. Clan Barclay is always looking for more Barclay men to complete Y-DNA testing. If you know you are from the male Fife line, including from the Pierston/Perecton line, Collairnie line, or an associated cadet branch, please be in touch with me at leah@clanbarclayinternational.org. You may qualify to have your Y-DNA test sponsored so that you will incur no cost. Both DNA and documentary research continues. See this [paper](#) for more information.



Land Transferred from James Johnstone of Spotswood to Walter and Margaret Kerr to Robert and Margaret Barclay
This land is situated between McGellaids Brook and Weamaconk Creek near the Old Tennent Church, founded by Walter Ker.

Robert Barclay's Mark from the 1723 Deed

Year Place	Description	Sources and Links
1638-1686 Scotland	<p>“Rev. William Johnstone, A. M., [father of James Johnstone of Spotswood and Dr. John Johnstone] graduated at St. Andrews, Edinburgh, June 5, 1638; was ordained minister at Louder, 1652; translated to Coldstream, 1659; deprived by Parliament June 11, and by Privy Council, Oct. 1, 1662; died at Hadington Abbey, 1670, or '71. Will dated December 14, 1670; proved February 23, 1671. He nominated Alexander Maitland, factor to the Earl of Lauderdale, with others, as trustees and overseers to his children during their minority. His children were: James, John, William, Margaret, Isabel, and a daughter unnamed. His wife died in 1686. ...The western part of Berwick, known as Lauderdale, gave the title to the noble family of Maitland, to which the Rev. William Johnstone's wife undoubtedly belonged.”</p>	<p><i>Somerset County Historical Quarterly</i>, p 169 Somerset County Historical Quarterly</p>
1656, 1661 Scotland	<p>“Walter Ker was born in Scotland in 1656; he was from the Parish of Dalsert, Lanarkshire. He died at Freehold, Monmouth County, N.J., June 10, 1748, in his 92nd year. His wife's given name was Margaret; she was born in 1661, and died October 1, 1734, in her 73rd year. She may have been the daughter of James Johnstone.”</p> <p>NOTE: We do not know the birthdate of James Johnstone of Spotswood, but his brother, Dr. John Johnstone, was born in 1661. Though possible, it is unlikely that Margaret Johnstone Ker (born 1661) was daughter of James Johnstone of Spotswood. It does seem clear that they were kin to each other, but we are unsure how. Some have speculated they were siblings as James Johnstone of Spotswood and Dr. John Johnstone had a sister named Margaret. However, this Margaret Johnstone likely was not the wife of Walter Ker. James' and John's sister, Margaret, married William Reid, Merchant of Edinburgh, in 1677 and had nine children with him before William's death in 1695. Margaret Johnstone Reid was assisted by the Presbyter in Scotland in 1700 as the daughter of an “outed minister.” Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown, daughter of Walter Ker and Margaret Johnstone Ker, was born in New Jersey on July 6, 1695.</p>	<p><i>The Kerr Clan of New Jersey...</i>, p 4 The Kerr Clan of New Jersey...</p> <p>Records related to Rev. William Johnstone and Isabel Maitland Johnstone and their Family</p> <p><i>Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticae Volume II Synods of Merse and Teviotdale Dumphries, and Galloway</i>, p 41 Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticae: Internet Archive</p> <p>Family Bible of James Barclay Carlisle</p>
1661 Scotland	<p>“...Dr. John Johnstone of Perth Amboy, was born in Scotland, probably in Berwickshire, about 1661, the second son of the Rev. William Johnstone of Laverocklaw, Berwickshire, and his wife Isabel Maitland.”</p>	<p><i>Somerset County Historical Quarterly</i>, p 169 Somerset County Historical Quarterly</p>

1661 Scotland	Dr. John Johnstone was born. "...On his death, the following obituary appeared in the Philadelphia Weekly Mercury. 'Perth Amboy, Sept. 19 th , 1732. On the 7 th inst. Died here in the 71 st year of his age, Doctor John Johnstone , very much lamented by all who knew him, and to the inexpressible loss of the poor, who were always his particular care.'"	<i>Contributions to the Early History of Perth Amboy and Adjoining Country</i> , p 71 Contributions of the Early History of Perth Amboy...
1675 Scotland	"In 1675 "James Johnstone of Laverocklaw, eldest lawful son of the late Mr. William Johnstone , of Laverocklaw, 'bought a small estate of Spotswood, from John Bell. After that date he appears in the records as "James Johnstone of Spotswood.'"	<i>Somerset County Historical Quarterly</i> , p 169 Somerset County Historical Quarterly
Apr 1684 Scotland/ East Jersey	"On April 20, 1684, David Barclay of Urie conveyed to James Johnstone of Spotswood, 1/10 of 1/48 part of East Jersey. The witnesses were, 'John Johnstone , p. falconer, John Swinton.'"	<i>Somerset County Historical Quarterly</i> , p 169 Somerset County Historical Quarterly
Oct 1684 Scotland/ East Jersey	"John Forbes of Aquorthes ... was in East Jersey by October [1684]. He crossed the ocean with a group of friends, among whom were Charles and Thomas Gordon, John Barclay , and James Johnstone ."	"The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography: The Proprietors of the Province of East New Jersey, 1682-1702," July 1953, p 283 "The Pennsylvania Magazine..."
1684-1685 Scotland/ East Jersey	"James Johnstone [of Spotswood] was in East Jersey by the fall of 1684. ... To his brother John, an apothecary in Edinburgh, he, too, wrote of the need of a minister. ... John Johnstone sailed on the ill-fated <i>Henry and Francis</i> in December, 1685, with George Scot and the large group of people he had obtained from the Scottish prisons. John later married Scot's daughter Euphemia. James had, meanwhile, moved permanently to Monmouth County...."	"The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography: The Proprietors of the Province of East New Jersey, 1682-1702," July 1953, pp 287-288 "The Pennsylvania Magazine..."
1685 Scotland	"There is no doubt about [James Johnstone 's] parentage thanks to James actually inheriting land previously held by his father, [Rev. William Johnstone], to whom he was also heir-general." ~Tim Barclay, Chief Geneticist and Historian for Clan Barclay	Records related to Rev. William Johnstone and Isabel Maitland Johnstone and their Family
1685 Scotland/ East Jersey	"[George] Scot at once chartered the <i>Henry and Francis</i> ..., Richard Hutton, master. ... On September 5, 1685, they set sail.... Scarcely were they out of sight of land when fever of a very malignant type broke out among the passengers. Scot himself died; and his son-in-law, John Johnstone , became the leader of the exiles. ... In December the vessel dropped anchor in the harbor of Perth Amboy. ... Among the passengers who disembarked from the death-plagued ship was a young man named Watler Ker ."	<i>The Kerr Clan of New Jersey</i> ..., pp 3-4 The Kerr Clan of New Jersey

<p>1685 Scotland/ East Jersey</p>	<p>“[James Johnstone of Spotswood] had imported nine servants into the Province, whom he had registered in October, 1685. (Liber A of Deeds, p. 226).” “Patents and Deeds and Other Early Records of New Jersey 1664-1703: East Jersey Deeds, Liber A” p 68 lists the servants imported by James Johnston[e] of Spotswood as “Margarett Welch, Margarett Eubb, Alex^r Adam, William Mountt, James Johnston[e], John English, John Gibb, George fford and Robert Moure.” NOTE: Who this servant James Johnston[e] is, we do not know.</p>	<p><i>Somerset County Historical Quarterly</i>, p 170 Somerset County Historical Quarterly “Patents and Deeds and Other Early Records of New Jersey 1664-1703: East Jersey Deeds, Liber A” p 68</p>
<p>1687-1710 East Jersey</p>	<p>“Dr. [John] Johnstone had several children. His sons were: John (born May 7th 1691) Andrew (born Dec. 20, 1694) William (born 1696) James (born Oct. 3de, 1700) Lewis (born October, 1704) The daughters of Dr. John Johnstone were: Euphemia, born Jan. 18th, 1687 Isobel (born 1688) and Katherine (born 1689) Margaret, born Feb. 12th, 1693 Janet, born April, 1699 Isabel, born July, 1707 And Mary, born Oct. 12th, 1710”</p>	<p><i>Contributions to the Early History of Perth Amboy and Adjoining Country</i>, pp 71-75 Contributions of the Early History of Perth Amboy...</p>
<p>4 Feb 1689/90 East Jersey</p>	<p>Land TO: Walter Ker FROM: James Johnstone DEED. 50 acres. At Toponemus, North East of grantors North Brook; Monmouth County.</p>	<p>New Jersey Land Records D (EJ) : Folio 172-174 (SSTSE023) Original 1689 Feb</p>
<p>20 Mar 1689/90 East Jersey</p>	<p>TO: Walter Kerr FROM: SURVEY. 60 acres. On James Johnston's North Brook; Monmouth County. [Undated. Year approximate based on warrant date]. Containing 60 acres after allowances. By virtue of a warrant from the Proprietors of East New Jersey, dated March 20, 1689/1690. In right of head land due to Thomas Parr and Margaret Welsh. [Warrant Date: 20 Mar 1689/1690]. (See also: Book E; folio 464). OTHERS NAMED: John Barclay (Signatory); James Johnston (Owner of adjoining land); Thomas Parr; Proprietors of East New Jersey; Margaret Welsh LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; North Brook</p>	<p>New Jersey Land Records O (EJ) : Folio 53 (PEASJ003) Original 1689 Mar</p>

<p>30 Jan 1690/91 East Jersey</p>	<p>Land TO: James Kerr (Son of Walter Kerr); Walter Kerr (on behalf of his son James Kerr) FROM: James Johnstone DEED OF SALE. 100 acres. Adjoining James Johnstone's farm; At Topenemus; Monmouth County. Recorded: December 3, 1696. OTHERS NAMED: John Barcklay (Owner of adjoining land); William Davisson (Former owner of land); Lewis Morris (Justice) (Signatory); William Naughty (Witness); William Oliphant (Owner of adjoining land); Thomas Powell (Witness); Robert Turner (Former owner of land) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Topanemus; Farms, Farmland</p>	<p>New Jersey Land Records Monmouth Co Deeds Volume C : Folio 152 (CMNCL001) Original 1690 Jan Transcript 1690 Jan</p>
<p>24 May 1690 East Jersey</p>	<p>Land TO: John Johnstone FROM: East Jersey Proprietors CONFIRMATION OF PATENT. 336.5 acres. South of Goose Creek, East of the Bay, on the beach, adjoining the Round Hills or Bay Stack; in Perth Amboy, adjoining Lockiells Island; Middlesex and Monmouth Counties. Five tracts, containing 300 acres, 30 acres, 6.5 acres, and others. OTHERS NAMED: LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Middlesex; Monmouth; Lochiels Patent; Perth Amboy; Islands; Round Hill; Bay (the Bay); Goose Creek</p>	<p>New Jersey Land Records D (EJ) : Folio 231-232 (SSTSE023) Original 1690 May</p>
<p>1695 East Jersey</p>	<p>Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown was born July 6, 1695.</p>	<p>Family Bible of James Barclay Carlisle</p>
<p>1697 East Jersey</p>	<p>“James [Johnston of Spotswood] died in about 1697, leaving [his brother] John as his residual heir.”</p>	<p>“The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography: The Proprietors of the Province of East New Jersey, 1682-1702,” July 1953, p 288 “The Pennsylvania Magazine...”</p>
<p>1698 East Jersey</p>	<p>“[James Johnston of Spotswood] died about 1698.”</p>	<p><i>Contributions to the Early History of Perth Amboy and Adjoining Country</i>, p 6p Contributions of the Early History of Perth Amboy...</p>

<p>1700 Scotland</p>	<p>“Margaret [Johnstone, sister of James Johnstone of Spotswood and Dr. John Johnstone, was] assisted by the Presb. In 1700 as ‘the daughter of an outed minister....’” NOTE: Some have asserted that Margaret Johnstone Ker, wife of Walter Ker, may have been the daughter of James Johnstone. We do not know the birthdate of James Johnstone of Spotswood, but his brother, Dr. John Johnstone, was born in 1661. This makes it highly unlikely that Margaret Johnstone Ker (born 1661) was daughter of James Johnstone of Spotswood. It does seem clear that they were kin to each other, but we are unsure how. James Johnstone of Spotswood and Dr. John Johnstone had a sister named Margaret, but this Margaret Johnstone likely was not the wife of Walter Ker. Margaret married William Reid, Merchant of Edinburgh, in 1677 and had nine children by him before William's death in 1695. Margaret Johnstone Reid was assisted by the Presbyter in Scotland in 1700 as the daughter of an “outed minister.” Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown, daughter of Waltr Ker and Margaret Johnstone Ker, was born in New Jersey on July 6, 1695.</p>	<p><i>Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticanæ Volume II Synods of Merse and Teviotdale Dumfries, and Galloway</i>, p 41 Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticanæ: Internet Archive Records related to Rev. William Johnstone and Isabel Maitland Johnstone and their Family Family Bible of James Barclay Carlisle</p>
<p>1701 East Jersey</p>	<p>“Euphemia Johnstone [Dr. John Johnstone’s wife] was heir to her father’s [Geore Scot’s] lands, and in addition, in 1701 she was allowed 3,050 acres as headrights for the servants her father had transported.”</p>	<p>“The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography: The Proprietors of the Province of East New Jersey, 1682-1702,” July 1953, p 288 “The Pennsylvania Magazine...”</p>
<p>1702 New Jersey</p>	<p>Patents and Deeds and Other Early Records of New Jersey, 1664-1703, p.334: 1702 2 Apr. Confirmation to Walter Ker of Freehold, Yeoman, whereof 100 are in right of Col. Andrew Hamilton, 100 in right of John Johnston and 100 in right of James Johnston dec'd, who gave it to said Ker for the use of his son James, upon whose death it devolved to son John: 1, a lot on Spotswood's North Brook adjoining grantee; 2, a lot on Wemcock Brook, adjoining grantee's son; 3, 100a, the lot given by James Johnston to Walter's son, is bounded S. by Wemock and adjoins Wm. Davidson and Wm. Oliphant. [East Jersey Deeds, Etc., Liber G, p.360] NOTE: Spotswood’s North Brook is now known as McGellairds Brook, and Wemcock Brook is now known as Weamaconk Creek. The land referenced here is very near the Old Tennent Church, the church for which Walter Ker was a founding elder.</p>	<p>Patents and Deeds and Other Early Records of New Jersey, 1664-1703, p 334</p>
<p>1711 New Jersey</p>	<p>Margaret Barclay, daughter of Robert Barclay and Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown, was born January 9, 1711.</p>	<p>Family Bible of James Barclay Carlisle</p>

<p>1713 New Jersey</p>	<p>Land TO: Robert Barclay (Planter) FROM: Walter Kerr (Planter) (Husband of Margaret Kerr); Margaret Kerr (Wife of Walter Kerr) DEED OF SALE. 160 acres. Near a branch of the Matchiponix River; Northeast of Wemacocke Brook; On Spotswood North Brook; Monmouth County. In consideration of £ 70 truly paid. OTHERS NAMED: John Brown (Witness); William Davison (Owner of adjoining land); Charles Goldy (Witness); Thomas Gordon (Justice) (Signatory); Indians (Former owners of land); John Kerr (Witness; Also owner of adjoining house) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Indian Purchase; Fishing Place; Marshes Bogg; Meadows and Meadowlands; Stone Quarry; Swamps and Swampland; Woods and Woodland; Matchaponix River; Spotswood North Brook; Wemcock Brook; Houses, Buildings, Structures, Cabins; Mines, Mine Lots NOTE: Spotswood's North Brook is now known as McGellairds Brook, and Wemcock Brook is now known as Weamaconk Creek. The land referenced here is very near the Old Tennent Church, the church for which Walter Ker was a founding elder.</p>	<p>Monmouth Co Deeds Volume F : Folio 90-92 (CMNCL001) Original 1713 Transcript 1713</p>
<p>1714 New Jersey</p>	<p>"1714, Feb. 20. John Bowne bought of Robert Barclay, yeoman, of Freehold, land on the N. S. of Wemakoake Brook; other boundaries were William Davidson's land and John Kerr's land, for £85, 15, 0." NOTE: We have not found this record in the New Jersey Land Records.</p>	<p>Historical and Genealogical Miscellany: Data Relating to the Settlement of the Settlers of New York and New Jersey, Volume III, p 43: Stillwell, John Edwin</p>
<p>1714-1719 New York</p>	<p>Dr. John Johnstone was the 32nd Mayor of New York City.</p>	<p>Wikipedia</p>
<p>1716 New Jersey</p>	<p>Elizabeth Barclay, daughter of Robert Barclay and Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown, was born June 10, 1716.</p>	<p>Family Bible of James Barclay Carlisle</p>

1717 New Jersey	<p>Land TO: David Ketcham (Yeoman) FROM: Robert Barclay (Yeoman) (Husband of Margaret Barclay); Margaret Barclay (Wife of Robert Barclay) DEED OF SALE. 160 acres. By a branch of Matchiponix River; On Spotwood North Brook; Northwest of Wemacoke Brook; Monmouth County. In consideration of £ 155 truly paid.</p> <p>NOTE: We find here the husband of Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown named, and he was Robert Barclay, now known as Robert Barclay of Freehold and Piscataway.</p> <p>NOTE: Spotswood's North Brook is now known as McGellairds Brook, and Wemcock Brook is now known as Weamaconk Creek. The land referenced here is very near the Old Tennent Church, the church for which Walter Ker was a founding elder.</p>	<p>Monmouth Co Deeds Volume E : Folio 197 (CMNCL001) Original 1717 Transcript 1717</p>
1718 New Jersey	<p>Catherine Barclay, daughter of Robert Barclay and Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown, was born April 24, 1718.</p>	<p>Family Bible of James Barclay Carlisle</p>
1718 New Jersey	<p>Land TO: Robert Barclay FROM: John Johnston CONVEYANCE. Piscataway, Middlesex County. OTHERS NAMED: LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Middlesex; Piscataway</p>	<p>New Jersey Land Records: A-2 (EJ) : Folio 310 (SSTSE023) Original 1718 Transcript 1718</p>
1721 New Jersey	<p>Land TO: Robert Barclay FROM: John Johnston CONVEYANCE. Piscataway, Middlesex County. OTHERS NAMED: LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Middlesex; Piscataway</p>	<p>New Jersey Land Records: C-2 (EJ) : Folio 486 (SSTSE023) Original 1721 Transcript 1721</p>
1723 New Jersey	<p>Robert Barclay, son of Robert Barclay and Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown, was born March 3, 1722/23.</p>	<p>Family Bible of James Barclay Carlisle</p>
1723 New Jersey	<p>Land TO: Daniel Baker FROM: Robert Barclay CONVEYANCE. Piscataway, Middlesex County. OTHERS NAMED: LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Middlesex</p>	<p>New Jersey Land Records: C-2 (EJ) : Folio 514 (SSTSE023) Original 1723 Transcript 1723</p>
1726 New Jersey	<p>Samuel Barclay, son of Robert Barclay and Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown, was born March 23, 1726.</p>	<p>Family Bible of James Barclay Carlisle</p>
1729 New Jersey	<p>Walter Barclay, son of Robert Barclay and Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown, was born February 14, 1729.</p>	<p>Family Bible of James Barclay Carlisle</p>
1731 New Jersey	<p>“James Brown [second husband of Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown] had bap. John, Oct. 17, 1731; Robert; Joseph; Solomon [at the Old Tennent church].”</p>	<p>History of the Old Tennent Church..., p 205</p>
1732 New Jersey	<p>“[Dr.] John [Johnston], who lived until 1732, sat in the Court of Comon Right and for thirteen years in the Assembly, serving as speaker for ten years. He was also for two years a member of Governor Burnett's council.”</p>	<p>“The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography: The Proprietors of the Province of East New Jersey, 1682-1702,” July 1953, pp 287-288 “The Pennsylvania Magazine...”</p>

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1734 New Jersey	“[Walter Ker ’s] wife’s given name was Margaret; she was born in 1661, and died October 1, 1734, in her 73 rd year. She may have been the daughter of James JohnstoneWalter and Margaret are buried on a hilly point one-half mile east of the present Tennent church building. ...These death dates and ages are taken from their tombstones.” NOTE: We do not know the birthdate of James Johnstone of Spotswood, but his brother, Dr. John Johnstone , was born in 1661. This makes it highly unlikely that Margaret Johnstone Ker (born 1661) was daughter of James Johnstone of Spotswood. It does seem clear that they were kin to each other, but we are unsure how. James Johnstone of Spotswood and Dr. John Johnstone had a sister named Margaret, but this Margaret Johnstone likely was not the wife of Walter Ker . Margaret married William Reid, Merchant of Edinburgh, in 1677 and had nine children with him before William's death in 1695. Margaret Johnstone Reid was assisted by the Presbyter in Scotland in 1700 as the daughter of an “outed minister.” Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown , daughter of Waltr Ker and Margaret Johnstone Ker , was born in New Jersey on July 6, 1695.	<i>The Kerr Clan of New Jersey...</i> , p 4 The Kerr Clan of New Jersey Records related to Rev. William Johnstone and Isabel Maitland Johnstone and their Family <i>Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticanae Volume II Synods of Merse and Teviotdale Dumphries, and Galloway</i> , p 41 Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticanae: Internet Archive Family Bible of James Barclay Carlisle
Bef. 1737 New Jersey	Robert Barclay , husband of Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown , died. Since Margaret’s first child with James Brown was born in September 1737, we can gather that Robert died before 1737.	Family Bible of James Barclay Carlisle
1737 New Jersey	Martha Brown , daughter of James Brown and Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown , was born September 5, 1737.	Family Bible of James Barclay Carlisle
1740 New Jersey	Mary Brown , daughter of James Brown and Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown , was born November 18, 1740.	Family Bible of James Barclay Carlisle
1748 New Jersey	“[Walter Ker] died at Freehold, Monmouth County, N.J., June 10, 1748, in his 92 nd year. ...Walter and Margaret are buried on a hilly point one-half mile east of the present Tennent church building. ...These death dates and ages are taken from their tombstones.”	<i>The Kerr Clan of New Jersey...</i> , p 4 The Kerr Clan of New Jersey
1757 North Carolina	“The records of Court Pleas and Quarter Sessions records indicate that [Robert Barclay/Barkley , son of Robert Barclay and Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown], served on a jury in Rowan County on October 21, 1757.”	Barclay Broadside Summer 2006, p 7

1759 North Carolina	<p>“Robert Barkley’s [son of Robert Barclay and Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown] name first became associated with some of the men from the Jersey Settlement when Capt. Jonathan Hunt led a group of men on ‘Scout’ in May 1759.”</p> <p>Reference: Rowan County, North Carolina Tax Lists 1757-1800, Annotated Transcription, Jo White Linn</p>	Barclay Broadside Summer 2006, p 9
1759 North Carolina	<p>“Robert Barkley’s [son of Robert Barclay and Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown] first property record in Rowan County, North Carolina was the purchase of some cows from Andrew Pitts on October, 1759.”</p> <p>Reference: Rowan County, North Carolina Court of Please and Quarter Session, Abstracts of Minutes 1753-1759. LDS microfilm 313783</p>	Barclay Broadside Summer 2006, p 7
1763 North Carolina	<p>“...Robert [Barclay] purchased land in the Jersey Settlement that became known as his Home Plantation.”</p>	Barclay Broadside Holiday 2006, p 9
1764 New Jersey	<p>James Brown, second husband of Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown, died. His estate was inventoried by William Ker, Margaret’s brother, and his will was proved May 25, 1764.</p>	Calendar of New Jersey Wills..., p 62
1769 New Jersey	<p>Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown died. Her estate was inventoried by William Ker, her brother, and her will was proved on October 16, 1769. She left legacies to daughters Martha and Mary Brown, sons Samuel, Robert, and Walter Barkley. Of her sons, she left £20 to Samuel and 5 shillings each to Robert and Walter.</p> <p>Note: 20 shillings = £1, so Samuel received 400 shillings, while Robert and Walter received 5 shillings each.</p>	Calendar of New Jersey Wills..., p 63
1774 North Carolina	<p>We first find Samuel Barkley Sr, son of Robert Barclay and Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown and brother of Robert Barclay/Barkley, in North Carolina when he purchased land from Jacob Nichols in Rowan County, North Carolina.</p> <p>NOTE: I wonder if Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown left so much more in her will to Samuel than Robert because Samuel stayed near her (and maybe took care of her) until the end of her life. We first find Samuel in Rowan County, North Carolina, five years after Margaret’s death. Also, though Margaret’s son Watler remained in New Jersey, he seems to have been unmarried and without biological children.</p>	McCubbins Collection, Barclay Tag, p 6

<p>1786 North Carolina</p>	<p>“Robert Barkley left a will dated December 25, 1786, that was probated on February 5, 1783. Based upon the date of probate, it appears that Robert died in late 1787 or early 1788. Robert’s will identifies his wife as Leah, but unfortunately does not give her maiden name. The will also includes their children in the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Samuel Barkley ii. David Barkley iii. John Barkley iv. Margaret Barkley v. Elizabeth Barkley vi. Catherine Barkley vii. Mary Barkley viii. Rachel Barkley ix. Robert Barkley x. William Barkley xi. Walter Barkley” <p>Reference: Robert Barkley Will, Rowan County, North Carolina Will Book C, pp 121-122, Rowan Co., N. C., probated 1788</p>	<p>Barclay Broadside Summer 2006, p 9</p> <p>Original Will of Robert Barkley/Barclay</p> <p>Transcript of Will of Robert Barkley/Barclay</p>
<p>1797</p>	<p>Sons of Robert Barclay (1722/23-1788), Robert and Walter Barkley, sold the Home Plantation to Thomas Durham. “...Robert willed [the Home Plantation] to his wife and subsequently to two of his sons, Robert Jr. and Walter. Robert Jr. and Walter sold the home plantation to Thomas Durham after they moved to Madison County, Kentucky.” Reference: 17:327; October 2, 1797; 200a and 185a</p>	<p>Barclay Broadside Summer 2006, p 7</p>
<p>1803 North Carolina</p>	<p>Samuel Barkley Sr, son of Robert Barclay and Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown and brother of Robert Barclay/Barkley, died. He left legacies to son John Barkley, daughter Else [or Elsa] Bodine, son Samuel Barkley, daughter Margaret Donaldson, and heirs of his deceased daughter, Catherine Berry. He named as his executors Thomas King, son of his sister Margaret Barclay King, and John Barkley, his son.</p>	<p>Original Will of Samuel Barkley Sr</p> <p>Transcript of Will of Samuel Barkley Sr</p>
<p>1807 New Jersey/ North Carolina</p>	<p>Walter Barkley/Bartley, son of Robert Barclay and Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown, died. He seems to have died unmarried and without biological children. He left legacies to Walter Bartley [Barclay/Barkley] Berry and identifies the younger Walter’s mother as the deceased daughter of his brother Samuel Barkley.</p>	<p>Calendar of New Jersey Wills..., p 23</p> <p>Transcript of Will of Walter Barkley/Bartley</p>

We could follow the descendants of Robert Barclay (1722/23-1788), his brother Samuel Barclay Sr (1724/25-1803), and their sister Margaret Barclay King (1710/11-1785) to Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee, Indiana, Ohio, Texas, and beyond, but that is outside the scope of this paper. For now, we conclude our list of records with the death of Walter Barclay, the youngest child of Robert Barclay of Freehold and Piscataway and Margaret Kerr Barclay Brown.