

THE BARRY FAMILY RECORD

— Volume I —

CAPTAIN CHARLES BARRY AND HIS DESCENDANTS



THE BARRY COAT-OF-ARMS

The Coat-of-Arms used by the several branches of our Barry Family is described as follows:

Arms: Argent, three bars gemelles, gules.

Crest: On a wreath, a castle, argent, from the top whereof issues a wolf's head, sable.

Supporters: Two wolves, sable, their ducal collars and chains, or.

Motto: BOU-TEZ EN AVANT.

This Coat-of-Arms was used by all branches of the Family, each adding the distinctive marks appropriate to that branch. The above picture shows the ducal crown added by the Earl of Barrymore.

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curred if Mary's sister Rachael, three years younger, accompanied Mary and Charles to the Town Clerk's Office, and the latter - not clearly understanding which of the girls was "Mary" and which "Rachael" - entered the name of the sister, an error unnoticed at the time). MARY ROGERS was then sixteen years old. Herself "born at sea", it is possible that she accompanied her husband on some of his voyages, thus following the example set by her mother. We have no knowledge of any child born to the couple except the boy JOHN, born posthumously, June 16, 1735, his father's ship, with all on board, having been lost at sea previous to December 19, 1734. It is possible that Charles and Mary may have had other children (perhaps born at sea) who did not live and are not recorded. However that may be, the labors of many researchers combine to give the basis for the following summary of the life of our Immigrant Ancestor:

C-1 CAPTAIN CHARLES BARRY, born in Ireland, A.D. 1704, fifth son of COL. CHARLES BARRY, came to Massachusetts in 1720 on the ship WILLIAM ABRAHAM in company with his brothers William and Thomas; settled in Boston, Massachusetts; and for a few years worked as a tailor (the business to which he had been apprenticed in Ireland) in partnership with Alexander Hodgden's father; subsequently became Captain of THE MARY, a ship jointly owned by himself and Captain Matthew Blair, which was lost at sea, with all on board, in the late Autumn of 1734. He had married, in 1729 (Marriage Intentions dated at Boston, Oct. 6, 1729) MARY ROGERS, born at sea in 1713, dau. of JOHN & HANNAH (Berry) ROGERS of Dorchester, Mass. She subsequently married (2) Captain MATTHEW BLAIR, co-owner of THE MARY, and after his death (at sea) she married (3) JOHN WHITNEY whom she survived. She died Oct. 4, 1764, aged 51.

JOHN BARRY
ONLY SON OF CAPTAIN CHARLES BARRY

C-2 JOHN BARRY (only son of Captain Charles) was born June 16, 1735, in Boston; died there Dec. 5, 1784, in his 50th year. His remains were placed in the Barry Tomb on Boston Common, this tomb being #42 in the "Central Burying Ground" at the corner of Tremont and Boylston Streets. (This tomb is still maintained by the family). In his early childhood, he was cared for by his uncle in Virginia, but he subsequently returned to Boston and was apprenticed to Alexander Hodgden, tailor, son of John's father's early partner. As a tailor his work was in great demand. He married, Apr. 14, 1757, MARY BLAKE, b. Apr. 3, 1732; d. May 29, 1801; dau. of JONATHAN & MARY (Bennett) BLAKE of Boston. (She was gt. gt. granddaughter of WILLIAM BLAKE, of Pitsminster, England, whose ancestry is traced to Robert de Blakeland who is recorded, in 1286, as "a gentleman of large estates" near Salisbury. William Blake settled in Dorchester, Mass. in 1636, where he was Selectman and Town Clerk.) JOHN BARRY resided on East Street and later on Purchase Street, Boston, being neighbor to Samuel Adams. In 1775, when the British troops occupied the City, he moved his family to Milton

Lower Mills where they occupied "the first house beyond the bridge", then owned by the Vose Family, relatives of his wife. It was in this house that the "Suffolk Resolves" (a precursor of The Declaration of Independence) had been voted by representatives of the Towns of Suffolk County. (A good picture of this house, which has a tablet commemorating this event, is on page 425 of Teele's "History of Milton"). The Barrys continued to reside there until 1782 or '83, and it was there that the youngest of their eleven children, WILLIAM, was born in September, 1776.

John Barry's grandson, Rev. William Barry, Jr., in his account of the Family, wrote of his grandfather: "John was short of stature, as was his eldest son, John, Jr. He was grave, quiet and dignified in presence, and warmly esteemed and loved by all who knew him for his amiable, sterling qualities. He was a superior singer and so skilled as a teacher of singing that the famous Billings, author of the "Billings and Holden Collection," received from him his first regular instruction. He was a member of the choir of the New South Church, Boston, among whom he led the tenor, and Samuel Adams was another member. (See "William and Esther Barry", pages 64-65). In the War of the American Revolution, John Barry served for portions of the years 1776 and 1778 as a private in the Companies of Capt. Josiah Vose and Capt. Stoddard, the last-named Company being a component of Col. Joseph Vose's Regiment. (See History of Milton, Mass. mentioned above. The name given as "John Berry" unquestionably means "John Barry" as "Barry" and "Berry" were frequently used interchangeably at that period.)

Children, (all except the last were born in Boston):

- 3 *JOHN BARRY, JR. b. Feb. 20, 1758; (m. Susdan Cudworth).
 Samuel Blake Barry, b. Oct. 21, 1759; d. Aug. 29, 1760.
- 4 *SAMUEL, b. June 25, 1761. (m. twice).
 Charles Barry, b. Feb. 13, 1763; d. the same day.
- 5 *CHARLES BARRY, b. May 28, 1764; (m. in New York State).
- 6 *MARY BARRY, b. Mar. 16, 1766; (m. Charles Lincoln).
- 7 *JAMES BARRY, b. June 12, 1768; (m. Mehitable Crane).
- 8 *THOMAS BARRY, b. Apr. 5, 1770; (m. twice)
- 9 *ELIZABETH BARRY, b. Mar. 27, 1772; (m. Elijah Leavitt).
- 10 *WILLIAM BARRY, b. Sept. 22, 1776; (m. Esther Stetson).

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Explanatory Note: In this and other lists of children, an asterisk is placed before the name of each child about whom more information will be given, further on, under the same number preceded by the letter "C" which stands for "Charles". This letter is applied to all his descendants although omitted except where a name is repeated. Thus the descendants of CHARLES BARRY may be distinguished from those of his brothers JAMES and WILLIAM if (as is hoped) their descendants may be traced in later volumes of these RECORDS, using "J" to designate the descendants of "James" and "W" those of "William" Barry.

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was born in Suffolk Resolves House

Chapter XI.

THE DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM BARRY

C-10 WILLIAM BARRY, eleventh child and youngest son of John Barry, (C-2), was born at Milton, Mass., Sept. 22, 1776, in the house (still standing) "just across the bridge" at Milton Lower Mills. This house is celebrated as the scene of the meeting of delegates from all the surrounding towns who adopted, Sept. 9, 1774, the "Suffolk Resolves" which were forwarded to Philadelphia and influenced the Continental Congress in framing the Declaration of Independence, nearly two years later. A tablet on his house commemorates this event (see page 19). The John Barrys occupied this house (which was the property of the Voses, their relatives) from 1775 to 1783, returning to Boston shortly before the decease of William's father in 1784.

Upon his father's death, William, then eight years old, was taken into the home of his eldest brother, Samuel (C-4) (see page 26) where he learned the Hatters business in which his brother was successfully engaged. Upon attaining his majority, William established a flourishing business of his own. From 1807 to 1830, his store was in that portion of the Old State House which faces on Washington Street, Boston. In 1830 the entire building was required for occupancy by the City, and "The Boston Hat Store" was obliged to remove to No. 94 Washington Street and, later, to No. 58 on the same street, William's last location before his retirement.

During all these years he was active in civic affairs, also, being a Justice of the Peace, an officer in the local military establishment, Adjutant of the 1st Regt., 2nd. Brig., 14th Division in the War of 1812; Assistant Assessor of Boston the last year it was a Town, and a member of the City Council the first year (1822) it was a City. He served in the City Council during the years 1826, 1827 and 1828 also. In 1825 he was Representative in the State Legislature, and assisted in the reception given to the Marquis de Lafayette when the latter paid a visit to Boston in that year.

He was an active member of The Hatters Association, the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics Association, and St. Andrews Royal Arch Lodge of the Masons. He was deeply interested in religious matters and embraced the Universalist Faith, attending the Church on Hanover Street of which the celebrated John Murray was pastor. Later, he joined in founding "The Second Society of Universalists in the Town of Boston," whose first church was on School Street, and its first pastor the Rev. Hosea Ballou. He served this (and the older Society) for forty years as Deacon and a Memorial Window in the 2nd Society's later Church on Columbus Avenue, named him among the eight deacons thus especially honored.

Although his early schooling was limited, he had an intense love for learning, rising regularly at 4:00 A. M. to study and thus gained acquaintance with literary and scientific subjects and mastered the French and Greek languages. He was especially fond of Natural History and took his children on long walks into the country, engendering in them a similar enthusiasm for Nature and the Natural Scien-

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