

THE BARTER FAMILIES OF BARTON STACEY, HAMPSHIRE c.1720-1960s

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The surname Barter is known in the parish registers of Barton Stacey from the year 1720. However, there is no apparent connected pedigree, rather four migrations into the parish of different, unconnected, families with that name.

- **John Barter, born 1670s, arrived in Barton Stacey around 1720, died in Barton Stacey in 1731.**
- **John Barter, born 1791 in Collingbourne, Wiltshire, arrived around 1816, died in Barton Stacey in 1867.**
- **Albert Charles Barter, born 1846 in Stratford sub Castle, Wiltshire, moved to Barton Stacey in the 1880s, died in Barton Stacey in 1922.**
- **George Barter, born 1860 in Redlynch, Wiltshire, moved from Downton, Wiltshire to work in Bransbury, at some time between 1911 and 1920.**

JOHN BARTER married Ann (whose surname is presently not known). He was probably born in the 1670s, though his birthplace is unknown. The parish registers for All Saints have survived only from 1713. If there were Barters in the parish before 1713 one would expect more evidence by way of marriages and burials in the first half of the 18th century. It seems likely that John Barter arrived in Barton Stacey from elsewhere.

John Barter was buried at Barton Stacey on 31 July 1731, two weeks after the baptism of his last child. Only a month later, their fourth child Robert died.

Children of John and Ann Barter, baptised at All Saints, Barton Stacey,

- i. John, baptised 6 September 1720 and buried three days later.
- ii. Thomas, baptised 7 November 1722. He is perhaps the Thomas *Batter* buried at Barton Stacey on 19 April 1741.
- iii. John, baptised 3 March 1727/8.
- iv. Robert, baptised 14 June 1730. He died the following year and was buried on 16 August 1731 'son of widow Ann Barter'.
- v. Sarah, baptised 18 July 1731.

Notes

Burials at Barton Stacey. It is possible that *Batter* was a separate surname, but could be the result of the name Barter hastily written in the register.

Sarah Batter buried 17 March 1729/30.

Thomas Batter buried 19 April 1741.

Jane Batter buried 12 December 1775.

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The name then disappears from the parish until 1816, when the baptisms of the children of John and Sarah (Head) Barter begin.

**JOHN BARTER** was born around 1791 in Collingbourne, Wiltshire. A farm labourer, he married Sarah Head on 2 January 1816 at Wherwell parish church, Hampshire (a parish adjacent to Barton Stacey). She was born in Wherwell and baptised there at 3 weeks old on 27 November 1791, daughter of John and Mary Head (perhaps John Head and Mary Paice, married at Andover, Hampshire on 18 May 1789).

John and Sarah Barter spent their married life in Newton Stacey. Sarah Barter died in 1857 aged 67 and John moved into the northern end of Barton Stacey village before the census of 1861. He died in 1867 aged 86.

#### **Children of John and Sarah (Head) Barter, baptised at Barton Stacey,**

- i. **ISAAC**, baptised 14 August 1816. He married Fanny Mack at Barton Stacey on 30 August 1835. She was baptised on 30 June 1816 Barton Stacey, daughter of John and Harriet (Gale) Mack/ Mackmaster of Bransbury.

On 27 February 1840 at Winchester Assizes Isaac Barter and three other men were convicted of a rape which had taken place on the evening of the Barton Fair on 28 July 1839. All four were condemned to death but their sentences were commuted to transportation. The other men - Henry Batt, James Castleman and Charles Shrimpton - were transported for ten years, Isaac Barter for life.<sup>1</sup>

He was aboard the prison hulk *Leviathan* until 30 November 1840, when he and Shrimpton were amongst 330 convicts transported on the ship *Lady Raffles*, arriving in Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) on 17 March 1841. Described as a ploughman and farm labourer, he was 5 feet 7½ inches tall with dark brown hair and eyes.

Isaac Barter was married a second time, on 23 January 1860 in Tasmania, to Ann Mary Jones.

The daughters of Isaac and Fanny Barter were living at the time of the 1841 census in the home of George and Sarah (Neale) Doswell, in Barton Stacey village, together with a Sarah Marton aged 85-89.

#### **Children of Isaac and Fanny (Mack) Barter, baptised at Barton Stacey,**

- i. Mary Ann, baptised 31 July 1836.

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<sup>1</sup> The Examiner - Sunday 8 March 1840; Salisbury and Winchester Journal - Monday 9 March 1840; Home Office: Prisons and Punishment, Series HO8 Pieces 64, 65, 66, Series HO13 Piece 76 p.127, p.182, p.206, p.222, Series Ho19 Piece 9, Series HO27 Piece 62; Prisoner Number 5344; Australia, Convict Records Index, 1787-1867; <https://convictrecords.com.au/convicts/barter/isaac/99577>.

- ii. Lucy, baptised 15 July 1838.
- ii. Martha, baptised 17 May 1818. She died aged 17 and was buried on 8 March 1835.
- iii. Elizabeth, baptised 2 July 1820. She died aged 18 and was buried on 27 March 1839.
- iv. Harriet, baptised 17 November 1822. In 1842 she married James Maton, a farm labourer from Bullington, a parish adjacent to Barton Stacey (son of Stephen and Hannah (Shrimpton) Maton. They lived at Bullington Common before spending 1856-1858 in Chilton Candover, Hampshire. They had returned to Bullington by the time of the 1861 census and were living in Weekes Cottage. James Maton died in 1868 aged 56; their last child Alfred had been born in Tufton, Hampshire in 1864 and baptised there on 22 January 1866.  
Harriet returned to Bullington, where she earned her living as a charwoman. She married secondly William Pearce of Wonston in 1872. William Pearce appears to have been the man who married firstly Jane Croucher in Wonston in 1842 and had raised a family there; she died in 1871.  
Harriet Pearce died in Bullington in 1900 aged 78, William Pearce in 1909 aged 89.  
Children - Jane, Emily, George Jacob, John, Edward, William, Jesse, James, Edwin, Charles, Alfred.
- v. Jacob, baptised 13 February 1825. He died aged 12 and was buried on 19 May 1837.
- vi. John, baptised 1 July 1827.
- vii. Prudence, aged 9 in 1841. In 1851 at Monkton Barracks, Gosport, she married John McElligott, a soldier with the 95th Regiment of Foot. He was born about 1823 in Tralee, Ireland. He was in Crimea and received the Alma clasp, where he was wounded in action on 26 October 1854<sup>2</sup>.  
Their first child Dennis John McElligott was born in Barton Stacey in 1854 but by the time of the 1861 census John McElligott was a police constable in Hulme, Manchester. He was later a prison warder in Gillingham, Kent. Prudence McElligott died in Queens Road, Gosport on 4 April 1897.  
Children - Dennis John, James, Frederick, Elizabeth Mary, Charles, Ellen Sarah, William Sidney, Minnie Kate Frances.

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The third of the unrelated Barter families of Barton Stacey is headed by Albert Charles Barter.

ALBERT CHARLES BARTER (1846-1922) was born in Stratford sub Castle, Wiltshire, the son of Charles Barter, a thresher on a farm, and his wife Sarah (Mitchell). He married, on 6 May 1871 at Fisherton Anger, Wiltshire, Anna Maria Humby (born 1848 in Dinton, Wiltshire, daughter of Henry and Mary Humby). At the time of their marriage they were both attendants at a lunatic asylum.

By the time of the 1881 census he was a policeman in Abbots Ann, Hampshire. The birthplaces of his children show that they had in the ten years since their marriage lived in Godalming, Surrey, and in Salisbury, Wiltshire.

² The National Archives WO 100/33: Military Campaign Medal and Award Rolls, 1793-1949, Crimean War 1854-1855, Foot Regiments and Rifle Brigades, 93rd, 95th, 97th, 1st and 2nd Rifle Brigade.



They moved to Barton Stacey some time before 1891. After a time living in Freefolk (Whitchurch parish), Hampshire, he took the opportunity in 1902 to buy a property in Barton Stacey in his retirement. This was the house in the village now called Virginia Cottage, next to the Plough Inn.

Albert Charles and Anna Maria (Humby) Barter.



Virginia Cottage, Barton Stacey, circa 1908.

In order to make changes to the property, Albert Charles Barter submitted building plans to Andover Rural District Council for the addition of a small shop at the front of the house and a bakehouse at the rear³. Permission was obtained and on 28 September 1906 a mortgage of £100 was granted to Mr Barter, presumably for this building work, from The Trustees of the Hope of Andover Tent No. 133 Branch of the Independent Order of Rechabites (a Christian group keen to promote total abstinence from alcohol⁴).

Charles Barter died in Barton Stacey on 15 April 1922, survived by his wife, to whom letters of administration were granted. His funeral was arranged by Mr Charlton of Barton Stacey, undertaker, and cost £8 10s 0d. Anna Maria Barter of Barton Stacey passed her husband's real estate to their eldest son Walter Albert Barter on 29 March 1923. He lived at the Butts, Pottern, Wiltshire. He sold Virginia Cottage in 1933. Anna Maria died in Barton Stacey on 29 April 1927; they are buried in grave number 273 in Barton Stacey churchyard.

Children of Albert Charles and Anna Maria (Humby) Barter,

- i. **WALTER ALBERT**, born 30 August 1871 in Fisherton Anger. A painter, he married Fanny Maude Yates on 9 July 1894 at St Luke's, West Norwood, London. At the time his father died in 1923, Walter was living in Pottern, Wiltshire. He died in 1955.
 - i. Violet, born 1897 in Clapham, died 1978.

³ See *The History of Virginia Cottage, Barton Stacey*, 2014 by this author.

⁴ The Trustees of Branch 133 at that time were Benjamin Baverstock Pond of Andover, draper, Frank Sims of Andover, blacksmith, and Henry James Street of Andover, ironfitter.

- ii. Leslie, 1900-1911.
- ii. Clara, born 9 May 1874 in Dinton, Wiltshire. Before her marriage she was a nurse at the Hertfordshire Lunatic Asylum in St Albans. She married firstly Victor Stephen Mead (1869-1954) on 27 April 1902 in West Dulwich, London, and they emigrated to Canada in 1903. They had two daughters before separating. Clara moved back home to Barton Stacey and lived in Virginia Cottage with her parents for approximately three years until about 1908. Clara and Francis Fletcher Somers (1880-1943) travelled back to Canada with her daughter Freda Mead and Muriel Mead. Clara was then carrying his child, a boy who died and was buried at sea on that voyage. They settled in Ontario and had three more girls. Clara died on 11 May 1915, soon after the last daughter was born. Francis Somers (the father of the 3 girls) split all the girls up to foster homes and went to WWI.



Above: Clara (Barter) (Mead) Fletcher (1874-1915).

Right: Clara with her children Freda Mead and Muriel Beryl Mead.

Freda is the grandmother of Terry Barnes who kindly allowed us to include the photographs of Albert Charles Barter's family and Virginia Cottage circa 1905-08.



- iii. **HERBERT**, born 25 December 1875 in Godalming, Surrey. At the time of the 1901 census he was hall porter at the Portsmouth Lunatic Asylum. He married Mary Gertrude Blewden (born in Woodford, Wiltshire) in 1906 and moved around 1910 to be the baker for Sutton Scotney general store. Mary Barter died in 1950, her husband on 22 April 1952 in Andover, Hampshire.
- Sons of Herbert and Mary Gertrude (Blewden) Barter,**
- i. Herbert Roy, born 1909 in Barton Stacey. A carpenter.
- ii. Arthur C., born 1911 in Sutton Scotney.
- iv. Harry, born 20 August 1877 in Salisbury, Wiltshire and baptised at St John's, Farncombe.
- v. **ETHELBERT**, born 25 November 1879 in Salisbury; apparently, his birth was registered as Frank Barter. Ethelbert was a master baker, firstly in Wilton, Wiltshire and then in Barton Stacey. He left Barton Stacey for London, where he married firstly

Louisa Jane Truman (1890-1917) on 10 February 1912 at St Matthew's, Upper Clapton, London.

At the time he enlisted on 5 June 1916 they were living in Upper Clapton, London. After her death in 1917 his parents perhaps cared for the children because his army records after this time give Barton Stacey as his permanent address. He was mobilised in March 1917 and joined the Reserve Supply Personnel Depot of the Army Service Corps at Bath. He was with the 70th Field Bakery (location presently not known). He married his second wife Ethel Maude Mitchell in Bournemouth, Dorset in 1937 and he died on 3 April 1960.

Children of Ethelbert and Louisa Jane (Truman) Barter,

- i. Vera Dorothy Louise, born 27 July 1913 in Wilton, Wiltshire, died 2000.
- ii. Hubert George, born 20 April 1915 in London.
- vi. Fred, born 1881 in Abbots Ann, Hampshire. He died in Freefolk in 1903, aged 21.

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The Barton Stacey parish electoral roll of 1920 lists Albert and Anna Maria Barter in Barton Stacey village (noted above), George and Ellen Barter in Bransbury and Ernest George Barter in Newton Stacey. George Barter moved from Downton, Wiltshire to work in Bransbury, at some time between 1911 and 1920.

**GEORGE BARTER**, a farm labourer of Downton, Wiltshire, was born in 1860 in Redlynch, Wiltshire, son of John Jetford Batten and Lucy (Newman) Barter. He married Ellen Marsh (born 23 September 1864 in Blackmanstone, Dorset) on 15 September 1888 at Downton. They lived in Downton, Salisbury until at least the time of the 1911 census. By 1920 they were living in Bransbury in Barton Stacey parish, where he died in 1924, aged 64. Ellen Barter was living in Crook and Shears Lane, Bransbury when she died in 1942 aged 77; they are buried in grave number 197 in Barton Stacey churchyard.

**Children of George and Ellen (Marsh) Barter, born in Downton,**

- i. Lucy Mary, born 1888. She died in 1900.
- ii. Ellen Beatrice, born 1891. She moved to Dorset and married Frederick George Horwood (1892-1963) on 3 February 1916 in Broadstone.
- iii. Lily Ethel, born 1893. She married Albert Taylor (died 1954) and died in 1966; both are buried in grave number 214 in Barton Stacey churchyard.
- iv. Elsie Agnes, born 1896. She married Thomas Dykes and lived in Kingsclere.
- v. **ERNEST GEORGE**, born 27 August 1899, baptised at Downton, Wiltshire 8 October 1899. He was on the electoral roll for Barton Stacey in 1920, resident in Newton Stacey, but by the time of the 1939 Register was living with his wife and son in Lower Bullington (Bullington being a parish adjacent to Barton Stacey). He married Cicely R. Brooks in 1928.  
Ernest Barter died in 1965 aged 65.