

1930s Correspondence re Barkley Family

[From Lettice Barkley, 11.1. (Lettice) Kate Barkley 1869-1936 dau of Robert Arthur Barkley 1839-1910 and one of the granddaughters of Rev John Charles Barkley, Frances' son. Never married. In 1933 she provided a pedigree of 9.5 Rev. John Charles Barkley's children to Maud. To Maud Terry, nee Perkins]

Red House,
Swainsthorpe,
Norwich.

March 5th 1933

Dear Cousin Maud,

I was so interested to get your letter - and very pleased to have it. I remember meeting you quite well at Aunt Kate's flat in Drayton Gardens [Probably Edith Perkins 1836-1919 wife of George Andrew Barkley 5.12.1826-1913. m 5.4.1859. She is in a Perkins tree as including Kate in her name, being a dau of Jane nee Barkley and Charles Perkins]. I think - not Victoria Street. It was after the Vic. Street days.

I haven't come across any Edith Perkins document that has Kate as one of her forenames but I feel sure that Kate must be Edith Perkins. The 1891 census has her living in Victoria Street and in 1901 and 1911 she is at 51 Drayton Gardens, Kensington. Edith's probate record has her date of death as 2nd Aug 1919 as stated below.

My mother [Kate nee Hildyard 1845-1935] remembers you very well and says she has seen you at Victoria Street.

I have filled up the dates etc as far as I can, but I am afraid am not much help! I forget - even - the year Aunt Kate [see above] died and also Harry Yarker [son of Aunt Kate "11.1. Henry Yarker Barkley 1861-1895. Born in Kustenjje, Turkey (now Constanta, Romania) where his parents were working. No issue"] and Jean. [Not known who she is]. I am sending you a Barkley pedigree - as written by our Grandfather J.C. Barkley - Little Melton {Rev. John Charles Barkley, son of Charles and Frances Barkley} - but Uncle George [George Barkley (1826-1913), Aunt Kate's husband] always said he invented a great deal of it and that it was not very correct. You may have seen it. Your sister Ada and my Aunt Fanny Barkley in the Close [10.7. Frances Jane Barkley 1834-1914 "2nd of name, Aunt Fanny". Lived in Hethersett, Norwich with her parents until they died] had a great deal of correspondence over family history I know - she left my mother [10.9. Kate Hildyard 1845-1935] as her residuary legatee - but as the legacy she left could not be paid in full - everything had to be sold and except for a very few little personal things - Mother had nothing except her legacy - or rather share of it. So there was a sale - largely attended by the family who bought a good many things. Particularly the Raikes [10.5. Martha Barkley 1831-1924 (dau of Rev. John Charles Barkley) m Rev Francis Raikes 1822-1879 and numerous descendents]- Teesdales [10.10. Louisa Elizabeth Barkley 1842-1926 (daughter of Rev. John Charles Barkley) m Rev. Francis Barlow Teesdale 1829-1919 and 2 daughters who didn't marry] and Con Parker [11.1. Lady Constance Parker dau of Rev John Charles Barkley's son 10.2. John Trevor Barkley 1825-1882]. Mother bought some of the Barkley silver. She always says she was very glad there had to be a sale as it wouldn't have been v. fair - if she had had all the family things and it might have caused jealousy!

[Probate record for Frances Jane Barkley confirms Kate Barkley as a beneficiary – estate £5,216]

Gt Gmother's (Trevor)'s [8.3. Frances Barkley nee Trevor] little journal was sent to Bob Barkley [11.4 Robert Edward Barkley 1868-1942 son of 10.4. Commander Edward Barkley RN 26.1.1829-1909, son of 9.5. Rev. John Charles Barkley] in Vancouver Isle who was Uncle Edward's son. The only uncle - was always very interested in the voyages and was the only sailor in the family. It was not a diary really - only jottings made long after by Gt Gmother when she was quite an old woman and living in England. So it was not very interesting and was very short.

I have some old letters which I had from Bibi [who was s/he?] - written by Gt Gfather C.W.B. to his wife which I will send you if you care to see them. They are rather amusing - but difficult to read - being crossed!. [Don't know who Bibi was]

All I know about Gt Uncle Charles Francis [9.8. CFB 1808.1845 son of Charles and Frances Barkley] - is from the pedigree enclosed: in which it appears he had one daughter Martha [big error! Martha Shaw nee Barkley was daughter of Charles William and Frances Barkley, she is a generation out] - who married a Shaw - and a Shaw married a Younghusband didn't she - so that is where the Younghusbands come in. I found a letter from that Shaw. - I forget her name and I sent it to Frank Younghusband as she was his Grandmother. I don't think Mabel Raikes [11.4 Mabel Raikes 1859-1945] Aunt Patty's [10.5. Martha Barkley 1831-1924, dau of Rev. John Charles Barkley] only un-married daughter who lives near here at Hethersett - would know as much as this - even!

I wish we had asked more about our family when Aunt Fanny Barkley was alive. Would you please send me back the pedigree some time or other. I have met Mrs. Maitland King - I thought her very nice - but we only know her very slightly but we know the Gurneys, tho' I see them but seldom now - as we are so very quiet and don't go far. We haven't a car and Mother [Kate Barkley nee Hildyard] is 88 this year!

We should have liked to have seen you so much when you were so near. If you could have managed to. Mabel [Mabel Raikes, see above] sees a great deal of the Gurneys. Did you know that poor Miss Bee Gurney had to have her arm taken off last year. She has quite recovered now and makes the best of it. Millicent G. is ill I am afraid - we know about them from Mabel.

I am so sorry your rheumatism is so bad. It must be wretched to be so crippled! I hope you are able to get out now that the weather is better. It has been a lovely day here today. I haven't heard from Fan since she was with you. [Fan might be Frances Jane Perkins 1865-1952].
If I can answer any more questions do ask me - I will do my best.

Yours v. sincerely,

Lettice Barkley.

From Lettice Barkley [11.1. (Lettice) Kate Barkley d. 1936 dau of 10.9. Robert Arthur Barkley 1839-1910 and one of the granddaughters of Rev John Charles Barkley] to Maud Terry, nee Perkins

Red House,
Swainsthorpe,
Norwich.

March 17th 1933

Dear Cousin Maud,

Thank you so much for the interesting Barkley pedigree your sister compiled. It tells one much more!

I have hunted up my diary and found the date of Aunt Kate's [\[see above\]](#) death which I ought to have known as I was with Bibi [\[who is s/he?\]](#) at Drayton Gdns when she died but I had forgotten the exact year. I have copied out a list for you to keep from the Melton Mowbray family bible which we have – of all names and dates etc of my G-father's [\[9.5. Rev. John Charles Barkley\]](#) children. But the second was badly kept and beyond the dates I have sent there is nothing else.

I have added all particulars about Uncle Edward [\[10.4. Commander Edward Barkley RN 26.1.1829-1909, son of 9.5. Rev. John Charles Barkley\]](#)

I am sure you must have missed your winters abroad and dreadfully this year! And must have felt the loss of sunshine and very able to be out – it is sad for you being such a cripple I should think you would be wise to live in London if you can find a nice flat, not too dear, or rooms perhaps. These times have hit us all very hard haven't they. And everything alas is different. It doesn't matter so much for the young people who know nothing different but it does come rather hard on the older ones, doesn't it.

You will see more people in London too and be near Fan who is such delightful company isn't she and is so clever and interesting. I am devoted to her. The naughty little thing hasn't written to me since she saw you.

I hope you will let me have your address when you are settled.

I expect you knew Con Parker well in the old Torquay days – I wonder if you ever hear from or see her now. She is intensely interested in the family history and some of the letters of which some are type-written which are easier to read than mine.

Her address is - The Lady Parker of Waddington, 17 Calverley Park, Tunbridge Wells.

I am sure she would send them to you if you cared to see them.

She is terrible crippled by rheumatism too and has to walk with crutches.

The letters were written from Cromarty to his wife by our Gt – G'father [\[8.3. Charles William Barkley\]](#) where he had gone to visit relations.

My father [\[10.9. Robert Arthur Barkley 1839-1910\]](#) lived with the Shaws for some time when he was a little boy and delicate and Aunt Shaw [\[9.6. Martha "Patty" Barkley 1802-1867 dau of Charles and Francrs Barkley, m 1824 Robert Grant Shaw 1794-1842\]](#) took him to do lessons with the children. His great hero was Bob Shaw [\[10.6. Robert Barkley Shaw 1839-1879, explorer\]](#). Yes, two of the Shaw daughters married General Younghusbands.

We know 3 Miss Fellowes – Shotesham House – very well. They are old friends and quite near us. I only know of Commander Fellowes. [\[who are they? – see here\]](#) I am afraid you will be very tired of this long letter again, but as you say, it is amusing – hunting up the family.

Con Parker knows much more than I do about the B. family,

Yours affectionate cousin (as I am sure we should be if we met!)

Lettice Barkley

I have dear old Cousin Melie's? [probably one of several Amelias in the Perkins family one of whom is the same generation as Lettice ie 11.5. Amelia Perkins d. 1886 m Stallmeister Ernest Wissol, Berlin. Another possibility is 10.6. Amelia Perkins 1825-1906] Staffordshire Cat! Do you remember it. It belonged to Aunt Budgen [8.4. Martha Barkley 1757-1836 m1 1773 William Hornby 1741-1800 m2 1806 Major James Budgen 1740-1819.]

Enclosure with letter:

Children of Charles Barkley and Mary Barkley.

1. Charles William born 1824 died 1885
2. John Trevor born 1825 died 1882
3. 3. George Andrew born 1826 died 1913
4. Edward born 1829 died 1896 (**should be 1909**)
(A Captain in the R. Navy. After he retired he bought land in Vancouver's Island and lived there with his family till he died leaving the farm to his son Robert Edward (Bob). Edward Barkley married a Miss Holdsworthy and had 1 son and 3 daughters. Robert Edward married a girl in Van. Isle and has a son – James) **Think that James or Jim was officially Edward Trevor Barkley**
5. Martha (Raikes) born 1831 died 1924
6. Frances Jane born 1833 died 1834
7. Frances Jane (2nd of name) born 1834 died 1914
(Aunt Fanny) lived in the Close, Norwich
Henry Charles born 1837 died 1903
Robert Arthur (my father) born 1839 died 1910
Louisa Elizabeth (Teesdale) born 1842 died 1926

Aunt Kate died on Aug 2nd 1919

I have not got, alas, anything with the Coat of A or a book plate on it. We have on of G. father's books. I have never seen the C of A. Please forgive blots.

Undated letter to Maud Terry nee Perkins. May be from Fanny Perkins

[Don't know which of several Fanny Perkins this is, especially because no date is known for the letter]

Dearest Maud

On back of this some of your dates – very stupid of me but I cannot remember when Aunt Kate and Uncle George died [Probably Edith Perkins 1836-1919 wife of George Andrew Barkley 5.12.1826-1913. m 5.4.1859. She is in a Perkins tree as including Kate in her name, being a dau of Jane nee Barkley and Charles Perkins]. The Bible does not give date of Aunt Mary's death [Probably Mary nee Yarker 1799-1894 wife of Rev. John Charles Barkley], but I think it 1896 or 7. I being very stupid because I ought to remember the year we went to live in Bolton Street

I will remember to ask George Y? about the Shaws when I see him. Lettice should remember the date of Uncle George and At Kate's deaths. I forwarded on your letter to her.

Exquisite day here. I hope you have it and will be able to get out for a little. I am afraid you would find the 6 steps at entrance of Inverness? Terrace Hotel an awful trial. Love of love dear. ?Fanny

On back

Edith Perkins. Married G B April 5th 1859 at St George's Hanover Square. [10.3. George Andrew Barkley 5.12.1826-1913. m 5.4.1859 Edith (middle name thought to be Kate making her the Aunt Kate in correspondence in Sundry letters) Perkins 1836-1919].

Herbert married at Southampton Aug 9th 1858 to Lucy Horn, children all born in Sydney [10.14. Herbert Perkins b. 1840 m 9.8.1858 in Southampton Lucy V Horn b. 1838], –

- Fanny March 1860 [11.1. Frances J E Perkins 1860-1930]
- Edward Feb 1863 [11.2. Edward Algernon Perkins 1863-1950]
- Sydney Herbert Jan 1865 [11.3. (Sydney) Herbert Perkins 1865-1917]

Charles married Mary Griffith Nov 23rd 1847. Died Dec 30th 1882 [10.3. Charles Frederick Perkins. 1820-1882 m 1847 Mary Griffiths 1822-1894]

From Claire Hext nee Perkins to her sister Maud Terry nee Perkins 9th March (no year). From version typed since so may not be 100% accurate.

Kingstone, Newton Abbot

Dearest Maudie

I fear I can't give you much information as I, too, burnt all Aunt and my own diaries last year thinking they would bore my successors:-

Grandma born 18 January died April 3rd 1884 aged 84. [Jane Hornby Barkley – we have 1796-1884 ie aged c88]

Aunt Fanny born 17th December died 6th April 1906 [10.1. Frances "Fanny" Jane Perkins 1817-1906 Spinster]

Aunt [assume Amelia] born 29th July died November 1906 aged 82 [10.6. Amelia Sophia Perkins 1825-1906 Spinster]

Aunt Etta [probably Henrietta] born 20th May died 27th July 1912 aged 81 (?) [10.8. Henrietta Selina Perkins 1828-1912 Spinster]

Aunt Octavia died 7th August 1914 [10.10. Octavia Perkins 1831-1914 unmarried] have only day of Boy Bibi, Jean and Willy no dates. [No trace of those three] No ideas!

Uncle Herbert [probably 10.14. Herbert Perkins b. 1840 who went to Australia] died years ago. Never heard of Charles Frances or W A Heppolatte. I don't think Aunt Budgen had any children.

There were 4 Shaws [No, there were 6, she missed the first two, 10.1. Emily and 10.2. Frances]. Robert [10.6. Robert Barkley Shaw 1839-1879, explorer]

2 daughters married 2 Colonel Younghusbands [10.3. Anna Shaw 1830-1905 m 1869 Lt General Robert Romer Younghusband 1819-1905 and 10.4. Clara Jane Shaw 1832-1891 m 1856 Major General John William Younghusband 1823-1907]

and Mrs Robertson [10.5. Laura Shaw 1834-1914 m George John Robertson 1827-1910 solicitor] who had several children and lived at Bath latterly.

Clara Jane Shaw was baptised 3rd Nov 1832 so I'm guessing she was born that year. George John Robertson was baptised in 1826.

No – you did not say you thought of going to London – I think you could be happier there. Had you tried Tudor Court Hotel, there's a very nice manageress Miss Headside and very reasonable. This an old tariff of Thursday. Do you know of Vidal Bakers – they are helpful.

Linden Hall Hotel, 131 Cromwell Road, South Kensington and Royal Park Hotel was also recommended me for residential but some time ago. I you had difficulty you fall back {end of only page I have}.