

## CHAPTER IX.

### ARMS OF BARLOWS

*Of Cos. Derby, Herts., Lancs., and Yorks.,  
of Ireland and of Slebetch*

**T**HERE are five principal coats of arms connected with various branches of the family: all these coats are illustrated in this volume.

#### 1.—DERBYSHIRE.

*Arms.*—Argent 3 bars wavy sable, a chief per pale ermine and gules.

*Crest.*—A demi-stag salient argent, the body charged with 3 bars wavy sable.

See illustration with tinctures, Plate 4; the arms are so given in the *Heralds' Visitations* of 1569 and 1611\* reproduced in Plate 28; but as originally extant in Barley Church and in Barley Hall, they were as above but lacking the crest,† see Plates 7 and 27.

The arms of Barlow of Stoke were, apart from the crest, identical, see Plate 27; but the arms of Barlow of Dronfield Woodhouse showed a variation, namely, Barry wavy of six argent and sable, a chief per pale ermine and gules, charged with a fleur-de-lis or.‡ The mention of six bars instead of three occurs elsewhere and appears to be an error; there were properly only three bars, but six enclosing lines, and a reference to the Hardwick pedigree (Plate 19), where the three bars are expressly described as Barry of six (there being six enclosing lines) shows how the error arose. The charge of the fleur-de-lis or for difference points to the Dronfield Woodhouse family as a junior branch.

#### 2.—HERTS. AND ESSEX.

These arms are generally given as Ermine 3 bars wavy sable.§ The early roundel in Albury Church, probably dated *circa* 1350,

\*Harl. MSS. 1093, f. 36.

†*Op. cit.*, f. 35; and Harl. MSS. 6592, f. 30.

‡Pedigree of Barlow of Dronfield Woodhouse at College of Arms; B.P.R. Pedigree No. 3, p. 20; *Tilley Derby Halls*, Vol. I., p. 205; *Lysons' Magna Brit.*, Vol. V., p. cxv.

§Visitation of Essex, 1552; Harl. MSS., 1541 and 1504.

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corroborates this, see Plate 16. Later tablets in Albury Church confirm this description; the handsome and well preserved memorial tablet of Anne Barley, who married Philip Gunter (d. February 15th, 1582), shows Barley arms as above, quartering 8 coats, namely, Lamway, De la Lee, Beard, Patishull, Walden, Breton, Norwood and Perjent.\* Connections with most of these families are indicated in the Albury pedigree, No. 12.†

The same arms for Barley, but with somewhat different quarterings, are reproduced in Plate 27. Variations of the above appear on occasions, e.g., the Stapleford Abbots Barleys carried, in addition to the arms, A Boar's head erased and tusked or, in its mouth a bunch of barley,‡ and on the floor of Albury Church the memorial slab to Henry Barley and his wife Katherine Walden shows a similar crest.§ Occasionally four bars are given, but this appears to result from a confusion of the sable bars with the ermine ground.|| The Essex Visitation of 1552 gives Ermine three bars wavy sable, a crescent for difference.¶

Taking the generally accepted Herts. and Essex coat as Ermine three bars wavy sable, correspondence with the Derbyshire coat above is very remarkable: such authorities as Mr. Huyshe have considered them to be in fact the "same but distinguished,"\*\* and it seems difficult to account for the similarity of the coats except on the basis of a connection of blood.††

### 3.—LANCASHIRE.

This coat is entirely different, namely, Sable, a double-headed eagle displayed argent, beaked and membered or. Crest, A double-headed eagle's head erased argent beaked or;‡‡ see reproduction with tinctures, Plate 8. The earliest record of the double-headed eagle as the coat of Barlow Co. Lancs. appears to be the

\**Family of Scroggs*, by Renton Dunlop, p. 100.

†Visitations of Herts. of 1579 and 1634; Harl. MSS. 1504, f. 72; and Harl. MSS. 1541, f. 187. Renton Dunlop, *Family of Scroggs*, p. 100, is in error in his description Barry wavy of six ermine & sable; see above. The Pateshull coat, Argent, a fess sable between three crescents gules, was that borne by the Northants. family, who trace descent from Simon de Pateshull, d. 1217, father of Sir Simon de Pateshull of Pateshull, Northants., Chief Justice of England, d. 1295; *Bridge's Northants.*, Vol. I., p. 260; *Erdswick's Staffs.*, pp. 364-5; *Maitland's Bracton*, Vol. I., pp. 43, 48; *Morant's Essex*, Vol. I., p. 393, etc.

‡Harl. MSS. 1504, f. 72; Plate 27.

§*Scroggs*, p. 99.

||The memorial tablet to Sir Robert Clifford and Elizabeth Barley, with Barley arms on her mantle, shows how this confusion could arise; see Plate 14.

¶Harl. Soc., Vol. XIII., p. 1.

\*\*B.P.R., *Introd.*, p. xv.

††Similarly, e.g., the Beauchamps, while retaining the same heraldic features in their crest, varied the adjustment of them in different branches of the family. The Beauchamps in the fourteenth century intermarried with the Pateshulls; see Beauchamp tomb in Worcester Cathedral.

‡‡*Sec Pal. Note Book* Vol. IV.; B.P.R., p. 138; *Holmes' Armoury*, f. 230; B.P.R., p. 133; *Flowers' Visitt.*, 1567, Chetham Soc., Vol. 81, O.S., p. 5.

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sketch of the seal in the margin of the deed of 1333-4, reproduced on Plate 26. Reasons are given above for thinking that the Barlows of Merseyside were probably a junior branch of the Barleys of Barley, Co. Derby: if so, the difference of the coat requires explanation. The Barlow lands on Merseyside were we know originally held by Alexander Albin: the Arundel Roll of Hen. VI., 1422, gives the Barlow arms Sable, an eagle displayed argent. A small spread-eagle without the double head is found in the armoury of the Albinis of Belvoir Castle.\* It is possible, therefore, as happened in other cases, that the de Barlows on Merseyside took the coat of their original feudal lords, the Albinis, but probably, as was customary, with a difference.†

A curious point arises in connection with the Drax family.‡ In 1392, Isobel, the heiress of Woodhall, etc., married Thomas de Berley or Barley, of Co. Yorks.; see Chap. II. at end. They had no male issue, but Margaret de Barley, a daughter, married Drax of Woodhall, and the Barley arms are given in this connection as Gules on a chevron between three eagles displayed argent as many crosses crosslet sable.§ This coat seems to unite features alike of the Lancashire and of the Slebatch coat; it is also worth noting that the coat of Bibbsworth, Herts., when quartered with Barley, was Azure three eagles displayed or.||

### 4.—MIDDLETHORPE, CO. YORKS., ARMS GRANTED IN 1691.

These arms were Sable two bars ermine on a chief indented party per pale or et argent, an eagle displayed of the first, see Plate 2.

The circumstances attending this grant have been fully described in the Introduction above; Mr. Huyshe makes the following interesting comment on this grant:—

“In considering the grant of Arms to Thos. Barlow of Sheffield (1691) you will, no doubt, have remarked its *heraldic significance*: namely, that the College of Arms has perpetuated in this grant the *Bars* and the *divided Chief* of the *Derbyshire* Barlows. The bars are straight bars and the two sides of the chief are gold and silver, instead of wavy bars and an ermine and red chief—but this is strictly in accordance with true heraldic practice. Further, the eagle *displayed* of the Lancashire Barlows is shown on the Yorkshire Shield. So that the shield of Thomas Barlow of Sheffield seems to unite the principal features of the Lancashire and Derbyshire branches. And, further, the *ermine bars* of this Yorkshire Shield perpetuate those of the Herts. and Essex Barlows.”

\*See Nichols *Leicstr.*, Vol. II., Pt. I., pp. 11, 23 and 27; P.Y., *Arundel*, p. 347.

†So the arms of the Gresleys of Drakelowe, Vaire ermine and gules, were probably derived from the Ferrers family, their feudal lords, whose arms were Vaire or and gules: see F. Madan, *Gresleys of Drakelowe*, p. 205; see, similarly, arms of Luttrell, Furnivall, etc., Hunter's *South Yorks.*, 1831, Vol. II., p. 52: so de Rydeware took a chief from de Ferrers; see Nichols *Leicstr.*, Vol. III., Pt. II., p. 981; Earwaker *E. Cheshire*, Vol. I., p. 41.

‡J. Hunter, *South Yorks., Doncaster*, Vol. II., pp. 106-8.

§This coat with three other quarterings was raffited to Thomas Drax, November 30th, 1561, by Lawrence Dalton, Norroy; the Draxes of Dorsetshire appear to be descended from this house: Chap. II. above; and see *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1301-1553, for year 1425.

||See *Visitation of Essex, 1552*, Harl. Soc., Vol. XIII., p. 1.

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### 5.—ARMS OF ARCHBISHOP OF TUAM AND THE IRISH BARLOWS.

As explained above, the author has, with the courteous assistance of Mr. Thomas U. Sadleir, Deputy Ulster, had a general search made at the Office of Arms, the Castle, Dublin : with regard to the arms, Mr. Sadleir writes :—

"There are only two Patents of Arms of Barlow recorded here. The first is to Sir James Barlow, of Dublin, Lord Mayor 1715, who had been knighted in the previous summer, and is as follows : Sable, an eagle displayed with two necks holding in his talons a trunk raguled in fesse argent, membered or. Crest : An eagle's head with two necks, erased argent, membered or. I notice that these Arms are given incorrectly in Burke's *General Armory*.

"The other coat is Sable, two chevronels or, over all an eagle displayed with two heads argent grasping in his talons a billet raguly of the second, with the Crest, A demi-eagle without wings party per pale argent and or, and charged on the breast with two chevronels sable, the said demi-eagle being issuant from a billet raguly vert. These Arms were confirmed to James Barlow, eldest son of John Barlow, of Dublin, deceased, 5 Nov. 1828.

"With regard to the Lord Mayor we have only a record of the Arms in his Patent, which was probably a Grant, though of this I cannot be certain. In most cases some note of pedigree was filed, but in both cases nothing is forthcoming. But the absence of any statement regarding the ancestry of John Barlow, father of the grantee of 1828, makes it reasonable to suppose that he was not descended from the Lord Mayor. Whether Grants or Confirmations, if the Arms do in fact resemble those of the Lancashire Barlows, the 'Ulster' of the day must have been satisfied that there were grounds for supposing that these families derived from that county."

This last statement is, of course, of importance : the close resemblance of the Irish and the Lancashire coats appears beyond dispute. Burke, *General Armory*, 1883, gives several of these Barlow coats, but as Mr. Sadleir indicates, the *General Armory* is not entirely reliable ; Burke gives the following as being borne by the Archbishop of Tuam, 1634 :—

"Sable, on an eagle displayed argent, membered gules, standing on the limb of a tree raguly and trunked of the second, a cross formée fichée of the field."

If correct, the black cross\* would be the special difference of the Archbishop, borne on the eagle's breast, which was the honour-point of the heraldic shield, and the right place for such augmentations. From Mr. Sadleir's report it is, however, clear that there is no record of this coat of the Archbishop at the Office of Arms.

As to the coat which Mr. Sadleir gives as confirmed to James Barlow, November 5th, 1828, it is curious that this is identical, including the two chevronels or, with the coat which Burke says Camden, Clarencieux, allowed to William Barlow, Bishop of Lincoln, 1608-1613, with an additional fleur-de-lys as his personal difference. Grounds are given (Chap. V. above) for thinking that this Bishop William Barlow was connected with the Cheshire, and, therefore, probably with the Lancashire stock.

\*The arms of Bishop William Barlow over the tomb of his widow Agatha Welsborne in Easton Church appear to represent the Lancashire eagle, with a similar difference of an episcopal staff.

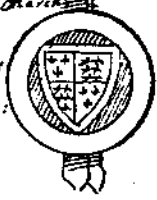
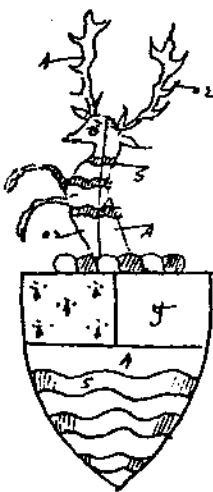


Out of a Prevy scale.

To our trusty & wellbelovyd squire  
Robert Barley.

Dy D: of Glor.

Right trusty and wellbelovyd for as much as  
we be credidly informed y<sup>e</sup> Duke of Burgoyne  
against his oath and promise made by the great  
peaces betwene the Realmes of England & France  
meaneth to besiege the towne of Calais whereof  
we be Capitaynes & wherefore we write unto  
y<sup>e</sup> of great trust praying y<sup>e</sup> hartely that  
y<sup>e</sup> will shewe y<sup>e</sup> to be ready w<sup>th</sup> best w<sup>th</sup>.  
Such men as y<sup>e</sup> goodly may get for defence of  
y<sup>e</sup> said towne & give us advice on signet at  
London the 12 of March.



The Prevy  
scale of  
Humfrey  
D: of Glor.

Robert Barley  
de Barley in  
Derby An...

filia sine covra  
Arthuri Regis  
militis...

Arthurus Barley  
de Barley An...

Elizabetha filia  
Johis Chaworth  
de Weston in  
Derby...

Robertus  
Barley de  
Barley in  
Derby...

Elizabetha filia  
Johis Hardwich  
de Hardwich  
comitis  
Salop

Georgius  
Barley de  
Barley in  
Derby...

Jama filia  
Petri Strickwell  
de rounty in  
Derby...

Carolina ux  
Georgii  
Foliam de  
Bulborough.

Robertus  
de rons...

Petrus Barley qu  
sua in in  
franciam filius  
Johannis Talbot de  
Salisbury in  
Derby...

Elizabetha  
ux Johannis  
de rons...

Carolina ux  
Johannis  
de rons...

Alina ux  
willielmi  
de rons...

Arthurus  
de rons...

Jama filia  
de Barley in  
Derby...

Jama filia  
Nichi Stroffley  
de Beaucliff.

Francisca .i. filia  
Arthuri Regis  
militis...

Rosamunda  
.i. filia  
Arthuri Regis  
militis...

PLATE 28.

Arms and pedigree of Barley of Barley, Co. Derby, with letter of Humfrey, Duke of Gloucester, to Robert Barley when in command at Calais; reproduced from Harl. MSS. 1093 (Heralds' Visitations of Derbyshire, 1569 and 1611), p. 36. Robert Barley was captain "with Bagge" (badge) of the army "entering yn to Franunce" —16 June 5 Hen. VIII.; Cal. St. Pap. Dom., Hen. VIII., 1513.

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### 6.—ARMS OF SLEBETCH, CO. PEMBROKE.

The College of Arms gives this coat, as exemplified to Hugh Owen when he changed his name and Arms, as Gules on a chevron between three crosses crosslet fitchée Or two demi lions coupéd passant counter passant Sable: Crest: A demi lion rampant guardant Argent collared Gules in the paws a cross fleury fitchy at the foot Sable charged with a bezant. The origin of this coat is by no means clear: the College of Arms can give no early authority: \* in the Sussex Visitation of 1633-1634, as reproduced on Plate 16, the Slebetch coat appears to be intended to quarter the Herts. coat of Ermine 3 bars wavy sable, but the partition lines are nebulee instead of wavy. †

Other coats which are of interest for our enquiry are:—

*D'Abitot*.—More than one coat was borne by the Worcestershire D'Abitots, ‡ but most of the authorities give their arms as Party per pale or and gules three roundlets countercharged, § and it is these arms which appear in the Derbyshire authorities as the arms of the D'Abitots of Barleic; and in the Visitations of 1569 and 1611 as quartered with Barley. ||

*Musard*.—Or two chevrons azure; apt on occasions to be confused with arms of Alfreton adopted by Chaworth, namely, Azure two chevrons or. ¶

*Freschville*.—Azure a bend between six escallops argent; the Foljambe arms were the same, but again with different tinctures, namely, Sable a bend between six escallops or. \*\*

\*The earliest entry at the College of Arms of the 3 crosses crosslet and 2 lions in the Barlow coat is in connection with a marriage recorded with a Croston of Chester, 1574.

†The arms of Barley Co. Herts., as given in the *Vict. Hist. of Herts.*, Vol. IV., p. 5, appear also to be nebulee and not wavy. In the pedigree of Bop. William Barlow at the College of Arms, he quarters the arms of Barleic (of Herts.) given as Barry nebules of six (i.e., three) ermine and sable. The tomb in York Minster of Archbop. Toby Matthews, who married a daughter of Bop. William Barlow, bears the Slebetch coat.

‡*V. H. Worcs.*, Vol. III., p. 483. Habington gives the arms of D'Abitots in Wickenford Church as Gules two lyons passant gardant, the one or the other argent; *Survey Worcs.*, Vol. I., p. 508.

§*Bank's Dormant Baronage*, Vol. III., p. 760; *Nash Hist. and Antiq. of Worcs.*, Vol. I., p. 8; *Gravebrook Heraldry of Worcs.*, p. 151.

||See an interesting article by Revd. H. Lawrance on two volumes of Heraldic MSS. relating to Derbyshire families, which in 1913 came into the possession of the *Derb. Arch. Society*, *Derb. Arch.*, Vol. XXXV., p. 269; and for Barley impaling D'Abitot, same Vol., p. 276; and *Visitn. Derb.*, 1611, Egerton MSS. 996, *Brit. Mus.*, f. 42. Urso's arms very naturally were A beare argent advancing himselve with a collar and chaine or; Habington *Survey Worcs.*, Vol. I., p. 245.

¶*Cox Derb. Ch.*, Vol. I., p. 88.

\*\**Op. cit.*, p. 226.