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PREFACE

AT the Barlow Dinner, held at the Hotel Cecil on December 14th, 1906, Sir Thomas Barlow, Bt., took the chair, and Sir Hilario Barlow, Bt., Sir John Barlow, Bt., M.P., the Dean of Peterborough (Very Revd. Dr. W. H. Barlow), and some forty others connected with various branches of the clan, were present; and a committee was appointed, of which the author of this volume acted as Treasurer, and Mr. G. Dudley Barlow as Hon. Secretary.

A volume of Barlow Records, carefully compiled and edited by the Hon. Secretary, was brought out in 1911 under the auspices of this committee; * it consisted mainly of pedigrees, memoranda and published information extracted from county histories and other standard works, but it was not possible in that volume to attempt much, if anything, in the way of original research, nor in the way of correlating or connecting the information so tabulated.

Since 1911 further extensive researches have been undertaken, mainly by, or on behalf of, the author, who has been able to collect much new material from original sources or hitherto unpublished records. Mr. Dudley Barlow and Mr. Vernon Barlow have also shared in these researches, but the author is solely responsible for the compilation of this volume, which is so far as possible uniform in size and format with the earlier publication.

Delving into an ancient pedigree is not unlike excavating a dead city buried deep under the dust of ages. The 1911 volume laid bare many foundations: recent researches have revealed many more; in all excavations a time arrives to call a halt to the spade and to take up the pencil, and attempt to sketch the ancient superstructure. So in these enquiries the time has come to survey the records so far unearthed and to attempt to reconstruct the family mansion, so to speak, on the lines of the foundations already laid bare. Life is short, and those mainly responsible for these investigations are no longer young. Moreover, if outlines of the family mansion—the main branches of the pedigree—can be satisfactorily established, it will be easier for younger investigators to fill in details or establish connections still in doubt. †

The task is by no means complete: as indicated in the following pages, several connections are suggested rather than proved, but making full allowance for these weaker links, it is fair to claim that at least the strong presumption has been established that the Barlow family and its various branches have a common origin, and that this dates back to the Conquest.

*The 1911 volume of Barlow Records, entitled "Published Matter and Records relating to the Families of the Name of Barlow," is now unfortunately practically out of print, but copies of it can be consulted in the London Library, and at the British Museum; it is referred to in these pages as B.P.R.

†With a view to further investigations, full references are given throughout.

PREFACE

As to the weak spots, as the work has proceeded, not once, but several times, the suggestion of yesterday has proved the fact of to-day: in the first Barlow volume it was indicated that probably the Barleys of Stoke and the Barleys of Barley were connected by blood, in view of the statement in the Herald's Visitation of 1569:—"Portent memes les armes":* the Mower MS. and various contemporary documents have now proved this to be correct.† Similarly, the tradition that the Barleys of Barleie were of D'Abitor, i.e., Norman, descent, has recently received strong confirmation as the result of the researches of the Revd. S. P. H. Statham, below, Chap. II.

Printing and illustrations nowadays are expensive: illustrations add much to the interest of any volume of research, but they limit the space available for descriptive matter. The definite object of the present volume is reconstructive—to fit the pieces of the puzzle together, and to sketch the general picture of the branches of the Barlow family in their relation to each other, leaving little room for interesting personal details or contemporary correspondence. Further material has been collected which it is hoped may find place in the course of, say, another twenty years in a third book of Barlow Records.

These Records naturally appeal mainly to those of Barlow descent; possibly, however, they may also be of some value to a wider public; they may prove of service to those engaged in investigating pedigrees of families such as Cockayne, Foljambe, Eyre, or Hardwick in Derbyshire; or De la Lee, Pateshall, Leventhorpe, or Osborne in Herts., with whom intermarriages took place: while the more general reader will find they furnish repeated and not uninteresting illustrations of the steady continuity of social life and tradition in these islands for the last 800 years.

Care has been taken to consult original documents and to guard against mistakes, but it is probably too much to expect that in handling subjects so technical and covering so wide a field the author can have escaped errors; and criticism or correction will be welcomed.

Professor Taylor, the learned editor of Roger Barlow's *Brief Summe of Geographie*, has kindly read the proofs of Chap. VI. dealing with the Herts. and Essex branch; Mr. Edward Bagshawe, of Sheffield, who like his father has made a special study of Derbyshire antiquities, has given generous assistance for the chapters relating to Derbyshire: and Major A. H. S. Howard, Norroy King of Arms, has read Chap. IX. on Arms of the Barlows of Cos. Derby, Herts., Lancs., etc.; and all have made valuable suggestions. In the text acknowledgment is made to others to whom the author is under obligation: in addition, he would like to thank his secretary, Miss Rundle, for much careful help in tracing authorities and checking references.

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†The author has had the pedigree embodying this connection registered at the College of Arms, and it is printed below, No. 5.

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