

Ellis Barron was a Fitzgerald who immigrated to America

Excerpts from a letter written to James A. **Barron** from Genealogical researcher C.L. Barnett of Washington on February 24, 1923 "Mr. **Barron**: After so long a time I am sending you all the gleaming history about Barrons that I have so far been able to collect. I know you would feel gratified if you knew just how much time I have given to this work, and how sincerely anxious I was to trace some clear and direct fact for you. We go way back to Albert Wells records and O'Harts gives us the original family history. I have talked with the best genealogist here, and also a noted one from New York City, and they both say that we have to take history as we find it for mistakes, occasionally, but in the main correct. \ Albert Wells has the reputation of making mistakes so I think we will accept them in the main, but will depend especially upon O'Hart, who is a thorough and accurate historian. Any questions you wish to ask, or anything you wish to suggest, I am right at your service, and with interest, I am. Yours Sincerely, C.L. Barnett" AMERICAN FAMILY ANTIQUITY BY ALBERT WELLS The BARRONS, now so widely dispersed throughout the County of Waterford in Ireland, are a branch of the great house of Offaley, and were formerly Barons of Burnchurch in the neighboring County of Kilkenny. Maurice **Fitzgerald**, the first knight of Kerry, known generally as the Black Knight, and one of the first Norman Invaders of Ireland son of John **Fitzgerald** by Honora O'Connor, his wife, and lineally descended from Gerald, Lord of Offaley, son of Maurice, who founded the **Fitzgerald** family in Ireland. \ In 1173, Maurice **Fitzgerald** was appointed by Henry the second, chief Governor of Ireland, and he and his descendants got large grants of land in many counties, including Kerry. Maurice died A.D. 1177, and was buried in the Abbey of the Grey Foyers at Waxford County.1\\ The last branch of the Fitzgeralds, who were Barons of Burnchurch, retained for several years a station of rank, and influence, but, involved in the troubles which marked the early part of the 17th century, they were forced to abandon their native County, and settle in the bordering County of Waterford, to escape the rancor of persecution and to elude its vigilance, they assumed, instead of their family **name** of **Fitzgerald**, the surname of **BARRON** only. The Fitzgeralds of Clonanerry, aka **Barron**, styled Barons of Burnchurch were a collateral branch of the Burnchurch family, and assumed the **name** of **Barron** for a similar reason. The branch held lands by military tenure, under the Earls of Desmon. By the Patent rolls of the 39th Queen Elizabeth it appears that her Majesty confirmed on 7th of July 1597 to Edward **Fitzgerald** of Rathsullagh, gentlemen, various properties in different parts of Ireland, among others the Rectory or parsonage of Burnchurch, with the lands, titles & Etc. and the Estate of the late Monastery of Kells. By an inquisition taken at Thomastown, 8th of August 1623, the possessions annexed to the Baronial Castle of Burnchurch, all in the county of of Kilkenny. Sir James Ware in his "Bishops of Ireland" says MILO **BARRON**, an Augustin Canon, and Prior of Innistiock, was consecrated Bishop of Ossory in 1527 but held his Priory by dispensation until the visitation of religious houses at which time he surrendered it by deed to King Henry VIII. He was called "**Barron**" as being of that branch of the Fitzgeralds who were Palatine Barrons of Burnchurch, in the County of Kilkenny, originally created by the Earl Palatine of those parts, the Earl of Desmond. Before he was advanced to the Bishopric he added a new steeple to the cloister of his Priory. After his consecration, he went to his Episcopal Palace at Kilkenny and made a present of a pastoral stall and a marble table to his Cathedral. He died full of years in 1551, of grief, and was buried with his people in the Monastery of Cunistiock. The same historian also particularizes ROLAND **BARRON** aka **Fitzgerald**, who was consecrated Archbishop of Cashel in 1553, and died in 1561. NICOLAS **BARRON**, another of the family was Mitred Abbot, of Jer point in 1618. He made several grants to the Roths of Kilkenny. 1) O'Harts Irish Pedigrees\ One

of the Barron's in America By Albert Wells This family was founded in America by **ELLIS BARRON**, one of the family of Palatine **Barron**, of Burnchurch, in the County of Waterford, Ireland, and related to MILO **BARRON**, ROLAND **BARRON**, and NICHOLAS **BARRON**. above **Ellis** was born in Ireland, probably Waterford, about 1600 and emigrated to America about 1640. He was in Waterford, Massachusetts in 1641, and was made Freeman there June 2, 1641. He was married in Ireland in about 1625, where five of his children were born. His wife was Grace. His children were: **Ellis** b;1628, Susanna b;1630, Hannah b;1635, \ John b;1638, Sarah b;1640, Moses b;1643, and Peter b;1645. Grace **Barron** died at Waterford, Massachusetts, about 1650. He was married secondly December 1653 to Hannah Hawkins. He died October 30, 1676.

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