

BARCHAM PLACES

BARCHAM TOUR 1

(about 60 miles)

1. **Blakeney** A great place to stay for seeing the Norfolk wildlife, the village is at the head of a tidal creek. Henry Banfather Barcham, mariner, grandson of Benjamin Barcham of Sheringham, was an innkeeper here for a while. He married Sophia Storey whose family came from this area.
2. **Upper Sheringham** Many Barchams were baptised, married and buried at All Saints' church, including Benjamin Barcham, farmer, and his wife Mary Banfather Barcham. Some of their graves may be seen in the churchyard.
3. **Lower Sheringham** Originally a fishing village, it was a popular seaside resort in the 1900s. Some Barchams were fishermen here while others ran businesses. Barchams Yard is a row of fishermen's cottages just off the High Street (origin of the name not known).
4. **Cromer** another seaside resort, famous for Cromer crabs, where Captain Robert Barcham, master mariner, son of Captain William Barcham of Mundesley, lived. His wife, Ellen Stevenson Barcham, was born here and she lived in Church Street after the death of Robert. Their son, Robert William Barcham, emigrated to New Zealand.
5. **Mundesley** Captain William Barcham, master mariner, latterly a land agent, lived here after he left the sea and married his second wife, Elizabeth Lacey. All Saints' church is perched dramatically on the cliff top. William, Elizabeth and three of his daughters by his first wife, Judith, are buried in the churchyard. Their graves are on the left of the path midway between the road and the church. William and his large family lived at Rose Cottage (now Longford House) in the High Street. Those who came to the Barcham Gathering in 2003 enjoyed a fish and chip supper at the Ship Inn.
6. **Paston** Robert Barcham, veterinary surgeon, son of Ezra Barcham of Edingthorpe (8), and his wife Louisa Fuller Barcham lived here with their family. Thomas Barcham, son of Captain William Barcham of Mundesley, and his wife Elizabeth Green Barcham, also lived here at Pond Farm.
7. **Knapton** St Peter's church has a magnificent angel roof. In the churchyard are the graves of Simon Edward Barcham, grandson of Ezra and Elizabeth Barcham (8), his wife and children. Herbert Samuel Barcham, son of Thomas Barcham (6) lived at Knapton Hall with his wife, Mary Alice Barton Barcham and their family.
8. **Edingthorpe** Several generations of Barchams lived here from the early 1700s, including John Barcham and his wife, Elizabeth Helsdon Barcham. They owned Church Farm (only the large barn, now converted, remains). After John died the farm passed to their son Ezra Barcham who married Elizabeth Thompson. All Saints' church, the round tower dating from Norman times, is surrounded by fields farmed by the Barchams. Near to the porch are several Barcham graves.
9. **Honing** John Bawchen, the earliest known Barcham, lived and farmed land here in the late 1500s. The church, set on a hill, dominates the landscape.
10. **Meeting Hill** The Baptist Chapel where many Barchams worshipped, were baptised and married is the focus for this hamlet. John Barcham was the first Barcham to join the congregation and he was a benefactor of the Chapel. The gallery of the chapel contains a museum which includes some Barcham memorabilia. The clock was

donated by Asher Barcham, son of John and Elizabeth Barcham. Naomi Barcham, daughter of John and Elizabeth Barcham, married John Blakely, the Baptist minister. Barchams, Blakelys and Shalders are buried here and in the old burial ground around the corner. The 2003 Barcham Gathering was held here, and a plaque commemorating the occasion may be seen on the boundary wall.

11. **Worstead** Famous for its cloth in medieval times. The weavers' houses have tall windows to get the maximum light for their work. The early Barchams were weavers, and some probably lived here. The church is said to be the largest parish church in England. Opposite the church is Norfolk House where Jacob Shalders lived and had his grocer's business. He married Phoebe Barcham, daughter of John and Elizabeth Barcham (8). Their son, Richard Barcham Shalders, emigrated to New Zealand.
12. **North Walsham** The market town where people from all the surrounding villages congregated, did their business, shopped and discussed the topics of their day. It has a notable market cross in the centre. The Julers were clock and watchmakers here for several generations. John Juler married Sarah Barcham in 1746 and their descendants have been traced to the present day. In the early 20th century, Robert Samuel and Thomas Edward Barcham, sons of Robert Barcham (6), were vets who had their surgery at Vicarage Street.
13. **Bradfield** Birth place of Elizabeth Helsdon, wife of John Barcham of Edingthorpe (8).
14. **Southrepps** Several Barchams lived in this village. William Barcham, son of Ezra and Elizabeth Barcham (8), and his wife Emily Beck Barcham owned a grocer's business here.
15. **Aylmerton** Mary Anne Barcham, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Barcham, lived here before she married Samuel Fuller. After his death in 1833, Mary farmed 190 acres at Aylmerton until she died in 1877. Her daughter, Louisa Fuller married her cousin Robert Barcham of Paston (6)
16. **Gresham** Birth place of Maria Sunman, wife of Barcham Barcham, son of Benjamin Barcham of Sheringham.
17. **Holt** An attractive market town with some good shops and cafes. Gresham School, a well known public school, is just outside the town. There are Barcham connections here with the Storey family: Sophia and Eliza Storey were sisters who married brothers Henry Banfather (1) and Benjamin Barcham Barcham, grandsons of Benjamin and Mary Banfather Barcham of Sheringham (2).

BARCHAM TOUR 2

(about 70 miles from Yarmouth or 80 miles from Norwich)

1. **Great Yarmouth, South Quay** This is the historic port of Yarmouth where Captain William Barcham, Captain Robert Barcham berthed and victualled their ships, engaged crews and did their business. This is where they started their long voyages to the Far East and the New World. Other Barchams were boat builders and shipwrights. They would have lived in the Rows, very narrow lanes, mostly now disappeared. It is worth visiting Elizabethan House, a merchant's home (National Trust), Row 111 (English Heritage) and the Time and Tide Museum (Blackfriars Road).
2. **Catfield** Sarah Emma Barcham, daughter of Robert and Louisa Barcham (6) married Robert Greensmith Dawson and they lived here from 1875 with their large family. Samuel Barcham, son of Ezra and Elizabeth Barcham (8) also lived here with his first wife Elizabeth Norman and their family.
3. **Stalham** John Barcham, son of Ezra and Elizabeth Barcham (8) was a wine merchant here. Rachel Barcham, his sister lived here for a while before she married. Jedidiah Barcham, son of John and Elizabeth Barcham (8) married Susannah Silcock who came from this village.
4. **Happisburgh** (pronounced Hazebru) Birth place of Elizabeth Thompson, wife of Ezra Barcham, son of John and Elizabeth Barcham (8). The tall lighthouse is an important landmark for mariners along this coast.
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13. **Wroxham** A busy town on the river Bure, and a gateway to the Norfolk Broads. William Barcham who married Virtue Maria Carver in 1786 lived here, but the connection between the families is not yet established.
14. **Lingwood** Birth place of Fred Barcham, son of Samuel Barcham (2) and his second wife Alice Hannah Bull. Fred Barcham emigrated to Canada.
15. **Burlingham** Two villages located north and south of Lingwood. Ezra Barcham, son of Ezra and Elizabeth Barcham (8) had a farm at South Burlingham. The Edrich family, well known cricketers, came from this village. They are the descendants of Harry Edrich who married Elizabeth Barcham, granddaughter of Ezra and Elizabeth Barcham (8).