

# BARKEY COAT-OF-ARMS

Barkey is one of the Anglo-Norman names that came to Ireland in the 12th century. The surname Barkey is derived from the Old English word "burh," which is derived from the Old German word "burg," the common Germanic word for a fortification. It seems likely that the first family to bear this surname would have lived in or near a prehistoric fort situated on a hill. In the Norman fashion, surnames created from place names or geographic locations were prefixed by "de," which means "from" in French.

Spelling variations include: de Burgh, Burke, Bourke, Burk, Bourk, Gillick and many more.

First found in county Galway where they had been granted lands by Strongbow, the Earl of Pembroke, for their assistance in the invasion of Ireland in 1172.

Some of the first settlers of this name or some of its variants were: Ann Burk who settled in Virginia in 1647; James and Tobias Burk settled in the Barbados in 1680; with their servants; Elizabeth Burk settled in Maryland in 1774.

**MOTTO TRANSLATED: ONE KING, ONE FAITH, ONE LAW.**

