

Who was Patience Barton?

In the 1961 Christmas Edition of this newsletter [then titled *Barton Bulletin*] the editor **Eleanor Keese Barton** – a Barton by “choice and birth”) asked that question after learning that there was “... a handsome stone to her memory on a prominent lot of the Landrum cemetery. The inscription does not tell who her parents were, however. There is nothing there except August 6, 1828 – March 4, 1915.”

That piqued the current editor’s curiosity! There was no follow-on article in subsequent Bulletins so apparently Eleanor’s question went unanswered. Could we now over forty years later learn who was this **Patience Barton**?

Naturally, the first place I went to was the Barton Database www.bartondatabase.info where I found eight Patience Barton’s but none matched the lifespan dates. [Note: silly me, I made a rookie mistake: I searched for Patience Barton not thinking that she might be a married woman and therefore entered in the database with a maiden name other than “Barton”. Had I done an Advanced Search for given name Patience with her birth and death dates I would have instantly found **Patience Page**. Instead, I assumed that she wasn’t in the database.]

What next? Go to a local researcher with knowledge of the area and its Barton families. In this case, our **Chief of Clan Bette Barton Pitman** and her husband **Carroll Pitman**! Within 24 hours I had a response back with details about the mysterious Patience Barton.

Patience Page Barton (1828-1915) (ID #17517) was the second wife of **Franklin Barton** (c1830-c1868), son of **Ohara Barton** (1798-1887) and his first wife, name unknown. Franklin is buried at Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery, Landrum, SC. According to the Nally’s Barton Book he was in the War Between The States, came home sick and died a few months after his son Frank was born. Patience is buried at Landrum City Cemetery. The family is part of our [Barton DNA Lineage I -

Thomas Barton b. c1732, md Sarah Wilson

She was enumerated in 1910, an 83 year old widow, living with her son Frank S. Barton and his family in Campobello, Spartanburg Co., South Carolina.

408	Barton, S. Frank	Wife	m	W 47	M 13
	A. Louisa	Wife	m	W 32	M 13
	Ray, E.	Wife	m	W 6	M 8
	Lebbins, Betty	Wife	m	W 36	M 8
	Barton, Patience	Wife	m	W 83	M 13



Eleven years after Editor Eleanor’s 1961 query, **Patience Barton** was mentioned in the Christmas 1972 Edition, pg. 28. Talking about Cousin **Margaret Johnson** of Tallahassee, Florida, Eleanor provided this interesting anecdote:

Cousin Margaret’s mother was a daughter of Priscilla Barton Belue, whose mother was Patience Page Barton, second wife of Frank Barton. Both Priscilla and Patience are buried in the Landrum cemetery in the first enclosed plot on the left “as you enter the Rutherfordton St. gate,” says Cousin Margaret, and she adds, “The rose bush in that plot is more than 50 years old and the main stem is like a tree.”

So now 47 years later we’ve answered the question “**Who was Patience Barton**”.