

Maurice de Berkeley, of Thornbury in Gloucestershire was by legal right, the **3rd Baron Berkeley**.

Maurice de Berkeley (1435 – September 1506), known as *'the Lawyer'* was an English nobleman of great power and influence.

He was born at **Berkeley Castle** in Gloucestershire, the younger son of James Berkeley, 1st Baron Berkeley (c. 1394–1463), *'James the Just'*, by his third wife Lady Isabel Mowbray, daughter of Thomas Mowbray, 1st Duke of Norfolk. He was the younger brother and heir of William Berkeley, 1st Marquess of Berkeley, 2nd Baron Berkeley (1426–1492), *'William the Waste-All'*.

Because of his marriage to **Isabel Meade**, the daughter of a Bristol alderman, who was considered to be below his social status, Maurice was **disinherited** by his elder brother William Berkeley, 1st Marquess of Berkeley, 2nd Baron Berkeley (1426–1492), who died without surviving children.

*As Maurice Berkeley never therefore possessed Berkeley Castle, he had **no claim to the ancient feudal barony of Berkeley**, which was dependent on landholdings.*

*It was assumed (according to a very unusual legal rationale) that the barony by writ created in 1412 was also held dependent on the tenure of Berkeley Castle (that is to say it was deemed a feudal barony or barony by tenure), and that it had thereby been forfeited by association, and thus **Maurice never assumed for himself the title of Baron Berkeley** which he should have inherited as a matter of course from his brother.*

Sir John Maclean, editor of Lives of the Berkeleys, refers to "the vexed question of the baronial tenure of Berkeley". Thus, the line of de facto Barons Berkeley ended with William but recommenced in 1553 with Maurice's great-grandson Henry Berkeley, 7th Baron Berkeley who **recovered the Berkeley inheritance**.

Source: Wikipedia

Pedigree Chart

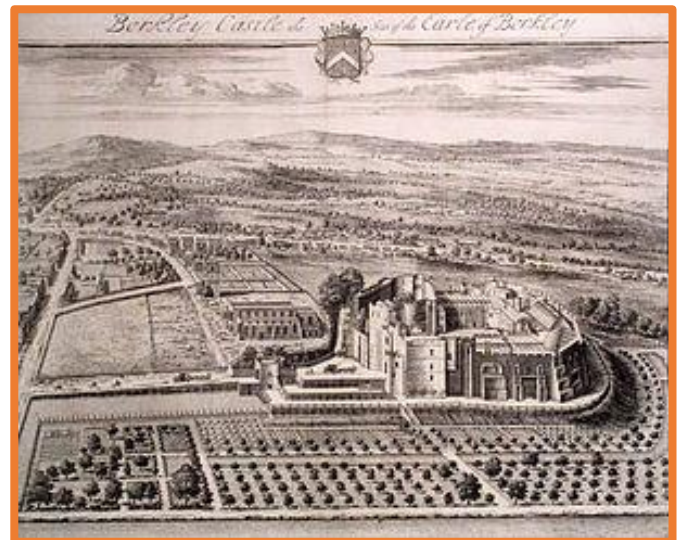
Joseph Barton to Maurice de Berkeley

1	Joseph Barton	Johanna Butler
2	James Barton	Margaret Brett
3	Thomas Barton	Hannah Balls
4	Thomas Balls	Mary Lewin
5	Robert Lewin	Mary Hensman
6	Mark Hensman	Rachel Woodward
7	Thomas Woodward	Frances Wingate
8	Francis Wingate	Ann B Annesley
9	Arthur Annesley	Elizabeth Altham
10	Francis Annesley	Dorothy Phillips
11	John W Phillips	Anne Perrott
12	John Perrott	Jane Prust
13	Thomas Perrot	Mary Berkeley
14	James Berkeley	Susan FitzAlan
15	Maurice de Berkeley	Isabel Meade

Maurice de Berkeley

was born at

Berkeley Castle, Gloucestershire, England



*In 1327, Berkeley Castle became the scene of one of the most infamous murders in British history. **King Edward II** was imprisoned in a cell by his former Queen Isabella and Roger Mortimer, and violently put to death shortly afterwards. The dungeon and holding cell thought to be the scene of the murder are part of the Keep (fortified castle tower). The official story was that Edward had died after an **accident**, and his embalmed body was kept on display in the castle for a month.*

Family of Maurice de Berkeley

<u>child</u>	<u>born</u>	<u>married</u>	<u>died</u>
Maurice Berkeley	1467	Catherine Berkeley	1523
Thomas Berkeley	1472	Eleanor Constable	15532
Anne Berkeley	1474	William Denys	1560
James Berkeley	1475	Susan FitzAlan	1515

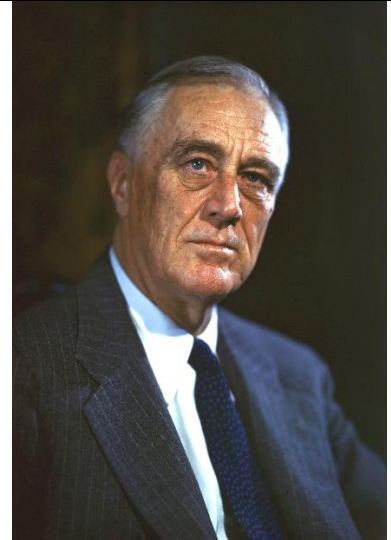
As well as the Barton family members, the following notable world figures are all descendants of Maurice de Berkeley.



King Charles III
15th Great Grandfather



Sir Winston Churchill
Former British Prime Minister
12th Great Grandfather



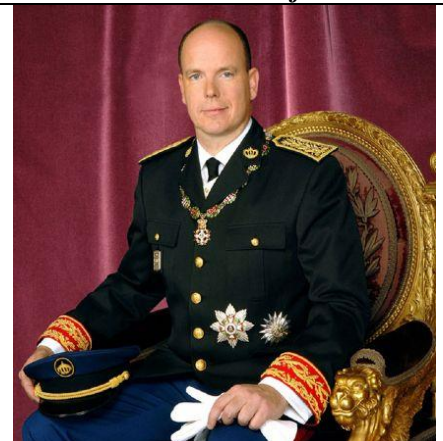
Franklin D. Roosevelt
Former US President
13th Great Grandfather



David Cameron
Former British Prime Minister
14th Great Grandfather



Lady Di (nee Spencer)
13th Great Grandfather



HRH Prince Albert II
of Monaco
16th Great Grandfather