

The Parr family had their origins as *de Parre* indicating their likely move from France to England during the reign of William the Conqueror.

The de Parre family became associated with *Kendal Castle* in Westmoreland, England (*Westmoreland is now Cumbria*), when Sir William de Parre married in 1383 to Elizabeth de Ros [*daughter of John de Ros, and granddaughter and heiress of Sir Thomas de Ros, Baron of Kendal, Westmoreland*]. The Parr family inherited Kendal Castle through Elizabeth de Ros.

Our 12th Great Grandparents were Elizabeth Parr who married John Daingerfield Belfield. Elizabeth Parr was born on 20 June 1529 at Kendal Castle, the daughter of Baron Sir Knight William Parr and Lady Baroness Mary Alice Salisbury. William Parr was a military man who fought in France, where he was knighted by King Henry VIII in the Notre-Dame Cathedral at Tournai, Belgium.

Family Line – Joseph Barton to William Parr

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	John Wingate	Alice Smallman
10	Robert Wingate	Amye Warre
11	George Wingate	Anne Belfield
12	John D Belfield	Elizabeth Parr
13	William Parr	Mary A Salisbury
14	William Parr	Elizabeth FitzHugh
15	Sir Thomas Parr	Alice Tunstall
16	Sir John Parr	Agnes Crophull
17	William de Parre	Elizabeth de Ros



Kendal Castle – Home of the Parr Family

Life Snippets - Parr Family

- ❑ *12 Great Grandparents – Elizabeth Anne Parr (1529-1566) married John Daingerfield Belfield (1525-1590) at Barwyth Manor, Studham, Bedfordshire in 1552*



Renovated Barwyth Manur, Studham, Bedfordshire

- ❑ *13 Great Grandparents – Sir Knight William Parr Jnr (c1483-1547) married Baroness Lady Mary Alice Salisbury (1485-1555)*
- ❑ *Sir William Parr was the Sheriff of Northamptonshire in 1518, 1522, 1534 and 1538*
- ❑ *Sir William Parr was a strong supporter of the new religion under Henry VIII and he became Thomas Cromwell's chief agent for the "dissolution of the monasteries" in Northamptonshire*
- ❑ *Sir William Parr was Esquire of the Body to King Henry VII and King Henry VIII (personal attend and courtier of the King)*
- ❑ *Sir William Parr was appointed Chamberlain to his niece Queen Catherine Parr when she became the 6th and last wife of King Henry VIII (chamberlain – an officer that managed the household of a monarch).*
- ❑ *Catherine became Queen Regent during Henry VIII 's time in France and she appointed William Parr as part of her council. Although he was too ill to attend meetings, the appointment showed her confidence in the guidance and counsel of her uncle.*
- ❑ *14 Great Grandparents - Sir Knight William Parr Snr married 1) Joanna Trusbut 2) Elizabeth FitzHugh*
- ❑ *William Parr Snr was a soldier and courtier*
- ❑ *As a soldier he was a commander in many Rebellion versus Royalist skirmishes – often "sitting on the fence" as to who he supported*
- ❑ *William Parr was exempted from the Resumption Act of 1464 [England was exhausted by the high level of taxes, so in return for more taxation for military operations in Normandy Parliament passed the Act of Resumption, the aim of which was to annul all of the grants that had been made by King Henry since taking the throne. Although the Act was passed there were a large number of exceptions to the rules]*
- ❑ *Parr sat as knight of the shire for Westmorland in 1467 and 1473*
- ❑ *Parr was High Sheriff for Cumberland for 1473*
- ❑ *Parr was invested as Knight of the Garter in 1474*
- ❑ *Parr was sent to the Kingdom of Scotland to arrange about breaches of the truce in 1479*
- ❑ *Chief commissioner for exercising the office of Constable of England 1n 1485*
- ❑ *Took part in the funeral of King Edward IV*
- ❑ *When King Richard III became kind, William Parr Snr chose not to attend the coronation despite being given a position as canopy bearer in the procession (possibly bad blood from previous battles)*

Common Ancestor

The Barton Cousins whose parents formerly lived at “Little Plains”, Frogmore share their **13 Great Grandparents – Sir Knight William Parr Jnr (c1483-1547) and Baroness Lady Mary Alice Salisbury (1485-1555) with some famous faces through the **Salisbury** family line:**

