

Mr. Barclay

strathspey or reel

Alexander Walker

The musical score for 'Mr. Barclay' is written in D minor and 4/4 time. It features a series of eighth-note patterns with trills. The chords indicated are Dmin, C, F, /D, /C, /Bb, /A, Amin, and Dmin. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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Walker: *A Collection of Strathspeys, Reels, Marches, &c., 1866; No. 99, pg. 34.*

Scottish, Strathspey or Reel. D Minor, AB

Composed by Alexander Walker in honour of Mr. Barclay of Braes of Enzie.

i. Joe Cormier, CD, 1998.

In the 1840's Alexander Walker moved to Hillpark Enzie near Fochabers with his step-father Robert Ogg and his mother. Hillpark is about two miles east of the Braes of Enzie.

John Barclay was a gentleman farmer at the farm of Braes of Enzie, about half-way between the parish churches of Rathven and Bellie, Banffshire. The Braes of Enzie was a farm of 381 Acres, employing 4 Women and 1 boy as labourer. John Barclay was active socially in the locality. He was Captain in the Richmond Rifle Corps (5th Elginshire Rifle Volunteers). He acted as chairman at dinners after the cattle sales at Gordon Castle.

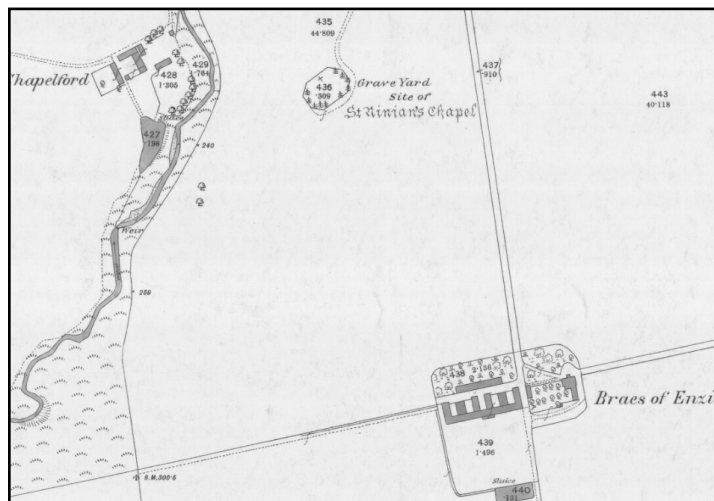
1841 Scotland Census

Name: John Barclay

Age: 28 Birth c.1813
 Gender: Male
 Where born: Scotland
 Civil Parish: Bellie
 County: Banffshire
 Address: Braes of Enzie
 Occupation: Farmer

Household Members:

John Barclay 28
 William Allan 25
 James Morison 24
 Alexr Munro 19
 John Bennet 17
 John Anderson 15
 John Mcdonald 14
 Mary Morison 30
 Isabel Mcintosh 15



1850 Map of Braes of Enzie

An entrepreneur, In 1846, Barclay purchased a 53 ft long whale, no doubt as an investment in Whale meat and oil:

FOCHABERS, TUESDAY.—Last week a whale of the species *Balæna physalus* fin-fish, or finner, was captured by the Portgordon fishermen, and brought into the harbour. Its extreme length was 53 feet, and greatest circumference, that is, between the dorsal and pectoral fins 22 feet. It was sold by the captors to Mr **Barclay**, farmer, **Braes** of **Enzie** for £23, a sum we should suppose, much beneath its value at any of the blubber ports, such as Peterhead or Aberdeen. It was being cut up, and sent to the former port. The species in question is much smaller than the *Balæna mysticetus* or great Greenland whale, and is distinguished from it by its dorsal fin, slender make, and inferior coating of blubber. They

Friday 25 September 1846

Another of the farm workers at Braes of Enzie was Alexander Munro was born in 1822, therefore two years yonder than Alexander Walker.

Alexander Walker Connection

Alexander lived less than two miles from the Braes of Enzie and would have known and possibly worked for John Barclay. He would also have known Alexander Munro who is also perhaps the subject of a tune.