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John Barrow (Barro, Barrows), colonial official, moved to Albemarle ^[2] in 1662 or earlier, probably from Virginia.

Barrow was a member of the council of the Albemarle colony and ex officio justice of the courts held by the council (1689–91). He was justice of the county court of Albemarle (1692–94) and justice of Perquimans Precinct court (1689–90 and 1697–1703). In 1708 he was a member of the lower house of the assembly.

Barrow lived in Perquimans Precinct, where he held at least three hundred acres of land on Yawpim Creek. He was a Quaker ^[3] and an active member of the Perquimans Monthly Meeting, which occasionally met at his house.

Barrow married Sarah Sutton on 1 Feb. 1668/69. The couple had nine children: Johannah, Elizabeth, Ann, Sarah, William, John, Jr., George, James, and Joseph. Johannah married Jenkin Williams, and Ann married John Bently, son of Richard Bently. All the sons lived to adulthood and married. William's wife was Elizabeth Cook, widow of John Cook. The first wife of John, Jr., was named Sarah; the second was Rachel Larance, daughter of William Larance. Joseph was also married twice, first to Jane (or Jean) Nicholson and second to Sarah Peirce. James, like his father and two of his brothers, chose a wife named Sarah, whose maiden name is not known. George married Elizabeth Turner.

Two of Barrow's sons died about a week after he did—John, Jr., on 15 June and James on 18 June 1718. The records indicate that Johannah and Joseph were the only children surviving past June.

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