

National Society Magna Charta Dames and Barons 1909 – 2015

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Step 1 – Our Members

The National Society Magna Charta Dames was instituted in 1909 and the Somerset Chapter Magna Charta Barons in 1930. Currently the National Society Magna Charta Dames and Barons has over 17,000 members, Divisions in 22 States (marked *) as well as Chapters and Colonies.

Membership by State – current members – [number of lost members in brackets] as of 7/13/13

	*GA -1228 [364]	ME -51 [24]	*NM -131 [25]	*TX -2981 [801]
AK -19 [3]	HI -25 [10]	*MI -175 [65]	NV -45 [17]	UT -35 [13]
*AL -852 [124]	IA -79 [79]	MN -63 [16]	NY -295 [283]	VA -802 [306]
*AR -225 [48]	ID -25 [7]	*MO -356 [85]	*OH -325 [138]	VT -44 [11]
*AZ -215 [50]	*IL -352 [198]	*MS -462 [80]	*OK -368 [102]	*WA -227 [84]
*CA -1094	*IN -200 [82]	MT -26 [7]	OR -111 [62]	WI -78 [31]
CO -218 [67]	*KS -207 [62]	*NC -781 [243]	PA -229 [236]	WV -79 [46]
CT -144 [91]	*KY -359 [163]	ND -7 [3]	RI -21 [7]	WY -26 [6]
DC -32 [83]	*LA -730 [132]	NE -53 [35]	*SC -572 [90]	MILITARY -14 [1]
DE -33 [40]	MA -180 [101]	NH -62 [22]	SD -3 [5]	OTHER –COUNTRY
*FL -1127 [373]	MD -324 [145]	NJ -122 [117]	*TN -722 [189]	100 [33]

Step 1a – Our Ancestors

There are 17 Surety Barons with known descendants. 1995 Chancellors Report included information about our computer activities when our "top" database had over 18,500 entries (up from 15,000 the year before). Currently this database has about 29,000 entries. The database starts with about 850 qualifying immigrants and includes their known ancestry. Based on this database we are able to identify the Baron ancestors for each qualifying immigrant and the number of qualifying immigrants descended from each Baron. The Barons are listed by the number of qualifying immigrant descendants. Work on this database continues and eventually will include all of the qualifying immigrants.

Roger Bigod [684]

Sahr de Quincey [665]

Hugh Bigod [661]

Richard de Clare [634]

Gilbert de Clare [622]

John de Lacy [528]

Robert de Vere [485]

Henry de Bohun [475]

Robert de Ros [326]

William de Albini [315]

William Malet [273]

John FitzRobert [261]

William de Mowbry [151]

Robert FitzWalter [76]

William de Huntingfield [51]

Geoffrey de Say [25]

William de Lanvelli [23]

Step 2 – Our Mission & Purposes

Our Mission is to develop awareness of Magna Charta

Our Purposes are:

- The Corporation is incorporated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes, including, without limitation, to establish and sponsor a library, publications, conferences, symposia and speeches pertaining to the Magna Charta and its heritage as follows:
- To establish and maintain a society for the encouragement of patriotic and literary fellowship,
- To perpetuate the memory of the Barons of England who in or before the year 1215 rendered actual service toward securing, and who, after many defeats, finally did secure the articles of constitutional liberty, property called Magna Charta, from their sovereign, John, King of England, which he ratified and delivered to them "in the meadow which is called Runnemede between Windsor and Staines," on the Thames, above London, on the 15th day of June, A.D. 1215,
- To promote good fellowship among the descendants of those who compelled King John to grant Magna Charta,
- To keep ever in mind the events connected with this most celebrated episode in the annals of the English race,
- To inspire the members of the society and others with admiration and respect for the principles of constitutional government, first established by the statutes of the Great Charter granted by King John, and
- To observe the anniversary of the date of this the most famous charter of rights and liberties.

Step 3 - Accomplishments

Our most significant accomplishment is continuing awareness of Magna Charta. Our members and guests are inspired by the programs and meetings of our Society. Hopefully all will be influenced by the content of our website.

Our member, Clara Rogers, Lady Fairhaven, with her sons donated the field of Runnymede to the British People – now administered by the National Trust.

Our members donated the Shields of the Barons at Bury St. Edmunds

Our former president Dorothy Wurts planted a tree at Runnymede in 1965 at the 750th Anniversary

Our former Chancellor John S., Wurts spoke at the 1939 New York Worlds Fair at the British Pavilion in the presence of an original 1215 Magna Charta.

Our Society has published talks and presentations between 1929 and 1952 and those have been scanned and are available on our website. Our Society has presented on our website video and text of many additional events and presentations. We have an electronic newsletter with a circulation of over 20,000, reminding our members and those who share our interests of the importance of Magna Charta.

Step 4 - Membership

The National Society Magna Charta Dames is a lineage based organization for those who have established descent from one of the the Barons at Runnymede in June 2015 in support of the Magna Charta and who have been approved for membership. Members of the Society may propose candidates for membership who will be sent forms to complete to establish descent.

For those who support our purposes and qualify, but who do not know a member, we have established a procedure for a candidate to include a cv or resume with her or his lineage information.

For those who support our purposes and do not qualify for membership we encourage them to be Partners: 1) By service (without cost) submitting a statement of service which will be reviewed by the Council and may be included on our website; or 2) By making an annual contribution, currently \$125.00 to our Society.

Step 5 – Active Now

Our next annual Washington DC dinner will be held April 12, 2014. Mark your calendar and let us know you plan to attend.

You may view the talk given at the 2013 dinner [Link](#) and learn more of our current activities by going to the page what's new of our website. [Link](#)

You can visit the 800th Anniversary Website . [Link](#)

View some of our special videos, including Reg Weaver at Lincoln 2006 [Link](#), David Rubenstein, Esq. shortly after he purchased the Magna Carta for display in the US Archives [Link](#), James Earl Jones reading the Declaration of Independence at the Constitution Center [Link](#), and Rt Hon John Bercow MP, Speaker of the House of Commons introducing the All Party Parliamentary Working Group in London, 2011. [Link](#)

Send us messages using the following [link](#).

Step 6 - Legacy

Building a Magna Charta Legacy for the present and future. You can be part of the Legacy.

If you are eligible you may be a member. The process of becoming a members is explained in the Membership Slide.

You may be a Partner.

You may send information which we may include on our website.