

*Charles Towsey of Henley upon Thames in the County of Wexford Gentleman*

*Mary Harriet Sparks*

*Edw. B. Moorhouse*

# TOWSEY TALES

**NAME: Barbara Hayward**

**BIRTH DETAILS: 1732, location unknown**

**DEATH DETAILS: 26 Oct. 1795 Henley-on-Thames**

**CHART REF: Towsey Chart D1**

**MARRIAGE DETAILS: 11 April 1763, Henley**

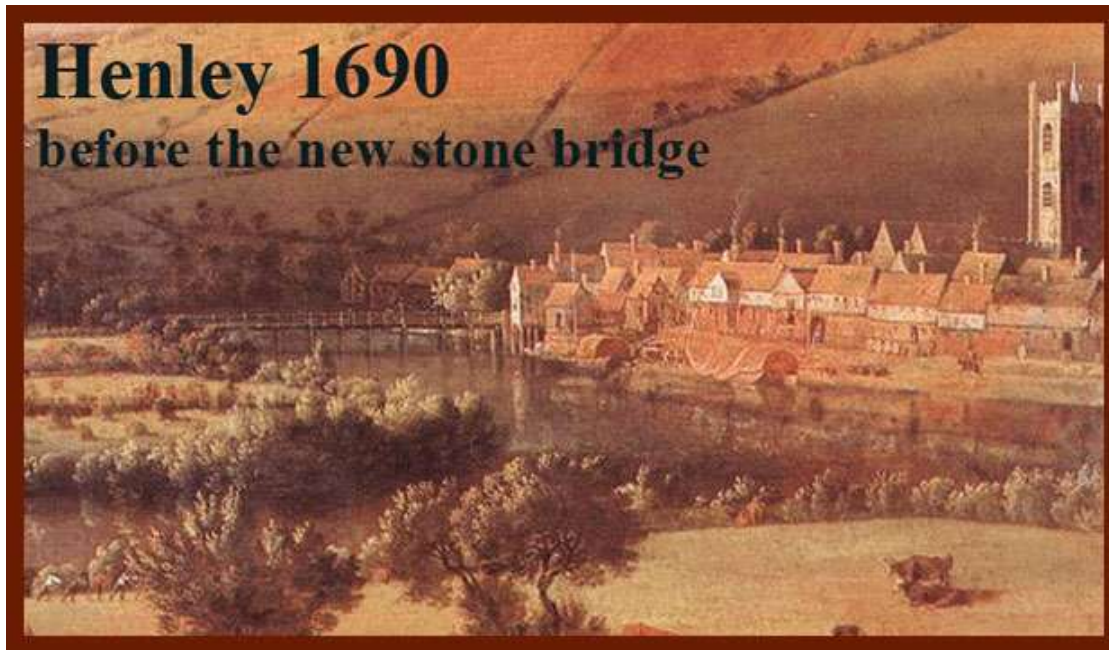
**SPOUSE: Benjamin Moorhouse**

Although Barbara Hayward had a brother and a sister in Henley, there are no records of any previous generations. In fact for a name that should not be so rare, there is a surprising absence of connected records anywhere in the country.

Barbara's brother, Richard Hayward, born in 1725, was a burgess of Henley and successful businessman in the town, involved in a number of businesses, particularly a half share in a brewery. Their elder sister, Sarah Hayward married James Brakespeare and had three sons. Robert Brakespeare, the eldest, inherited his Uncle Richard's share of the brewery, which later became known as Brakespeare Brewery: a name that is still about Henley to this day.

The only other Hayward to make a splash in Henley, was William Hayward, born 1740 in Lincoln, who designed the grand new stone bridge across the river at Henley. Unfortunately he died in 1782, before completing the bridge. There are mentions of William and Richard Hayward being related, but again, no records to show that connection.

Equally disconnected from any



apparent past, was the man whom Barbara married in 1763.

Benjamin Moorhouse was born in 1734, possibly in Yorkshire, where just about all the other people of that name in England reside. (See Benjamin Moorhouse's Towsey Tale for details of his life).

Benjamin and Barbara had three children, of whom only one lived long enough to marry. That was Elizabeth Ann Moorehouse, who married William Augustus Towsey in 1793.