

The Barcham Family Gathering

*For over two hundred years history has stood still
until the Barchams came back to Meeting Hill
From all over the world they meet to unite
in search of their roots which is their birth right
With their ancestors having such pioneering ways
they come in search of those early days
To find weavers, farmers, and mariners who went to sea
who settled down in our Norfolk County!
Their roots will take them to Edingthorpe,
to the church and the farm
where there is still some old world charm
Where the early Barchams spread their wings
and became involved in all sorts of things
It tells of John Barcham's relationship with Meeting Hill
but as history passes on, his name never will
When trouble came to the farmers, Barchams were there
involved in the thick was Ezra, without a care
In 1830 he led them to revolt then after fathering twelve
children, his wife said 'halt'
On went the Barchams as they multiplied in length
and the family background
growing from strength to strength
When Henry Barcham set sail from the Mother Land
he was guided by God and a compass at hand
There on that ship he met his wife
then landed in Australia for a new life
It was 1854 when Henry started that plunder
and started a family in the Land Down Under
Technology has brought the Barchams together again
with the inventions of the train and airplane
To this tiny hamlet they call Meeting Hill
where time just seems to stand still
If only their ancestors could see how great they number
from their lonely graves, wherever they slumber*