

Craig Barrow Fund

Craig Barrow was born in Athens, Georgia, on May 12, 1876, the sixth child of Middleton Pope Barrow and Sarah Church Craig. Following graduation from the University of Georgia (UGA) in 1896, Craig completed his medical degree in 1900 at the University of Maryland. He began medical practice in Savannah in 1902 as a surgeon.

On January 3, 1906, Craig married Elfrida DeRenne, a sixth-generation Georgian born on January 7, 1884, to Wymberly Jones DeRenne and Laura Norris DeRenne. Elfrida was a direct descendant of Georgia colonist Noble Jones, who established Wormsloe Plantation in 1737. Craig and Elfrida had three children, Craig Jr., Elfrida, and Muriel. The Barrows moved to Wormsloe in 1938.

Dr. Barrow worked as a surgeon at the Georgia Infirmary for 36 years and spearheaded the establishment of the Central of Georgia Hospital in 1927. Dr. Barrow died on August 31, 1945, at age 69. Elfrida DeRenne Barrow died on October 1, 1970, age 86. They are both buried at Wormsloe.

Craig Barrow, Jr. was born on October 25, 1906, and graduated from UGA in 1928. He worked in the investment division of Citizens and Southern National Bank in Augusta. In 1938, he married Laura Palmer Bell, born on December 8, 1914, the daughter of Malcolm Bell and Laura Palmer Bell of Savannah. They had three children, Elfrida, Laura, and Craig III.

Craig Jr. became president of the Wormsloe Foundation, the non-profit arm charged with publishing works on Georgia history. In 1972 he transferred ownership of 750 acres of Wormsloe--excluding the family home and roughly 50 acres of surrounding land--to the Nature Conservancy which one year later transferred ownership to the State of Georgia. Craig Jr. died on October 6, 1978, age 71. Laura Palmer Bell Barrow died on May 3, 2003, age 88. They are both buried at Wormsloe.

Craig Barrow III was born on March 21, 1942, and graduated from UGA in 1965. Craig married Diana Deas, the daughter of Thornton Meadows Deas and Marie Young Deas, on May 7, 1966. She was born November 3, 1943. Craig and Diana have two children, Thornton Deas and Kathryn Candler. Craig III represents the ninth generation of his family to live at Wormsloe.

Craig III's UGA ties are many: a founder of the Board of Visitors for the UGA Libraries, a founder of the UGA Press Advisory Council, and service as UGA Foundation Trustee. Craig led the \$30 million effort to build the new Special Collections Library at UGA. In 2013, he arranged for the trustees of the Wormsloe Foundation to donate 15 acres to UGA to create the University of Georgia Center for Research and Education at Wormsloe.

As managing director of the investment firm of Sterne, Agee and Leach (now Stifel), Craig III served for many years on the Georgia Historical Society (GHS) Endowment Trust Board. Craig III received the John Macpherson Berrien Award for lifetime achievement in Georgia history from GHS in 2006.

In 2004, Craig Barrow III established the Craig Barrow Fund at the Georgia Historical Society to honor his father and grandfather, ensuring that their shared love of Georgia history will continue in perpetuity.