







seal of Alan de Blenerhayset  
Carlisle 25.5.1390

annual rent of one shilling, so perhaps this Ms. is the origin of one of these tenements; this is dated 25.5.1390 (13 Richard II); the counterpart is endorsed "*Alanus Blenerhayset in fossa versus castrum* [castle]" but the body of the deed has "*in fossato Carlioli* [Carlisle]" altered from "*in fossato castru*"

The indenture, in Latin, carries a red wax seal of 27mm diameter still in good condition, with Alan's arms "a chevron bearing five ermine spots between three dolphins niant" and the legend "*sigillum halani de blenehay*" [Ca/3/5/1/12]; [CWAAS NS 1906 vol.6 pp.317-8, with illustration] correctly describes ermine spots; [A2A] wrongly calls them escallops; this indenture and seal are described in a Carlisle newspaper cutting of c1886, in [FS]

Appointed Controller of Customs in Cumberland 19.11.1392 [Cal. Pat. Rolls 1392, p.183]

on 2.2.1396/7 Alan de Blenerhayset witnessed a grant from "Richard de London to Richard de Redeness" of a "...waste tenement in the city of Carlisle lying between tenement of John Dowson & highway leading to FISHER St. [via piscatorum] abutting at one end on a tenement of John Toyt and at the other on the highway by the meat market [macellum]...;

in 1399/1400 Alan de Blenerhayset, his son John & John's wife Johanna were all party to a fine relating to lands at Arthuret, Caldcotes, Weryholm, Stubhill, Liddel (Le Dale), Bocherby, Etterby, Cummersdale, Wampool, Anthorn & Solom [CWAAS NS 1907 vol.7 p.245]

at Easter 1400 William & Joan Osmunderlaw released to Alan de Blenerhayset and others, lands in Carlisle, Cummersdale, Anthorne & Sollom for 100 silver marks (£66.13s 4d, as 1 mark = 13s 4d, ie 2/3 of a £) - [Cumberland Feet of Fines, 1 Hen IV 1399] [CWAAS NS 1916 vol.16 p.174]

Alan de Blenerhayset  
m. 1st est. c1350  
<??> Bruton (Burton?)

[DAVY Ms. pp.353 & 360] shows her as *Bruton* or *Burton* with her family arms:-  
**azure, a lion rampant gardant ayraut c. o. or**  
[SPURDEN p.252 (241/139A)] shows her as *Bruton* ; [DAVY] appears to have copied from [SPURDENS]. & both are unreliable as far as Cumberland data is concerned; NOTE: John de Newbiggen (whose mother was a de BH) also married a <??> Barton [N&B vol.1 pp.365, 370] (C 01)

It is unclear if this <??> Bruton/Burton is:  
a) the wife of Alan de Blenerhayset Sr  
or  
b) the 1st wife of his son, Alan de Blenerhayset Jr

Alan de Blenerhayset  
m.2nd c1.5.1373 Carlisle

(his marriage agreement in French dated 1.5.1373 [D AY 2/12]) **Juliana de Qwytfeld**, dau. of Matthew de Qwytfeld (Quitfeld?) and widow of Adam de Aglionby (by whom she had an eldest son William de Aglionby, who m. her step-daughter, Alan's daughter by his previous marriage, Marion/Maria de BH)

Juliana gave to 2nd husband Alan de Blenerhayset, jointly with John Bon(e), parson of Kirklevington, and Sir John Masceon, chaplain) "...half of the manor of Terraby and all her lands & tenements in Bourstede in the vill of Burgh-by-the-Sands, as well as all the reversions, rents and services which she Will inherit on the death of her father Matthew de Qwytfeld, also all her lands, tenements, woods and meadows in Comqwynton,

Sir Gyles de Orton was MP Carlisle 1337/8; he d.3.8.1369, writ for i.p.m. issued 15.8.1369, i.p.m. Penrith 8.9.1369 (43 Edw. III), C. Edward III file 212 (5), with summary in [Cal.Esch. vol.12 No.401 p.387-8]

Sir Giles was g.son of Sir Alan de Orton, who claimed grant of free warren in manor of Orton 1291/2 (Placita de quo Warranto, 20 Ed. I, p.125); he descended from Robert de Orton of Orton, fl.1252 temp. Henry III [N&B vol.2 pp.207-8, 506] [WHELLAN p.175]; [GRAHAM p.39] has pedigree showing Giles a g.son of John, brother of Alan, but this seems to conflict with his text

>>> John de Blenerhayset, esq

witness to the election of his brother Ralph de Blenerhayset as MP for Carlisle 1412/13 [HOC 1486-1421 p.253]; Listed in a return of Gentry of Cumberland in 1433 [BP]

in 1434 he was ordered to take the oath not to maintain peace-breakers 1434 [Cal. Pat. Rolls 12/13 Hen.VI p.383]

Bailiff of Carlisle 1413 and 1420/21; Mayor of Carlisle in 1430/1 [D AY 1/126]; [JACKSON Ms.] names him Thomas, in error; 1438 [D AY 1/129] & 8.11.1440 [Cal. Pat. Rolls 19 Hen.VI p.502]

as member of Carlisle council witnessed a document in 1436 [Ca/3/5/1/25]; soon after 1440 the mayor & citizens of Carlisle sued John de Blenerhayset, gent., the late mayor, for detaining money belonging to the citizens, which should have been "dispensed" for the defence of the city; [early Chancery proceedings 27/194] [NA C 1/27/194]

in Mss. dated c1430 on, it may be difficult to know if referring to this John de Blenerhayset, the Mayor, or his nephew John de Blenerhayset, Citizen & Merchant of Carlisle (see RIGHT), but a 1438 lease of tenement at FISHER St., Carlisle, at an annual rent of a root of ginger [D AY 1/129], clearly mentions both

>>> Robert de Blenerhayset of Carlisle, fl.1390-1419; he was party to a deed which he sealed with his arms: Ermine a dolphin embowed 1395/6, 18 Richard II [N&B vol.2 p.426] [BP] [BROWNE p.1] [JACKSON Ms.]

Robert de Blenerhayset's name appears as a witness etc on doc's at [CRO Carlisle] dated: 1392/3 [D AY 1/91A]; 1392/3 [D AY 1/91A]; 1399 [D AY 1/95]; 1400 [D AY 1/100, 101]; 1411 [D AY 1/106, 7, 8, 9, 110; D AY 2/18]; 1418 [D AY 1/120]; Member of Carlisle Council 1419 [Ca/3/5/1/18];

It is possible some of these Ms. refer not to this Robert de Blenerhayset, but to his uncle Robert de Blenerhayset

in 1406 he was a juror at the i.p.m. for Mary de Stapleton [CWAAS NS 1912 vol.12 p.220]; he is mentioned in his sister Maria's 2nd marriage agreement of 1418 [D AY 1/117]

perhaps(?) identical with Robert Blennerhasset of Carlisle - who was a juror at an important i.p.m. made at Carlisle 20.3.1428/9 [Cal. Feudal Aids 1428/9, Cumberland p.245] - and who is mentioned in s Ms. of 1430/31 [D AY 1/127] but this may be a Robert BH of the subsequent generation

m. Helen (Elena) <??>; fl.1390

meadow, Warthwikholme 1471 [D AY 1/163], 1469-71 [D AY 1/160-3]

In 1438 he leased "for 15 years, rendering annually a root of ginger" a tenement in FISHER Street, "between the tenement of John BH esq. [his uncle, the Mayor, C 02] and barn of John BH merchant [himself], lying in front, from the tenement of John BH esquire to the road which leads to 'le upcome' of the walls of the city..." [D AY 1/129];

in 1466 he gave his son Rev. Robert BH (C 07) his barn at end of FISHER Street, Carlisle [D AY 1/129, 1/157-8]

in 1466 he gave to John Aglionby of Carlisle a "barn within the city at the end of FISHER St. extending in front towards the 'upcome' of the walls of the city, also a piece of ground lying at the back of the barn being about a perch in width and abutting along its length as the barn abutts which the donor had by the gift and feoffment of Thomas del Sandes, son and heir of Thomas del Sandes..." [D AY 1/157]

John Blenerhayset, John Midilham & Oliver Ireby of Carlisle leased on 26.1.1430/1 from the Mayor and Community of the City of Carlisle, "...all the ditches with profits of herbage and water around the walls of the city from the latrine by Cokegarth to the Caldew gate on condition that they Will keep the heads of the ditches enclosed to exclude animals..." [Ca/3/5/1/21]

m. <??>

2>>> son <??> de Blenerhayset

3>>> son <??> de Blenerhayset

4>>> son <??> de Blenerhayset

NOTE: The 2nd, 3rd and 4th sons shown here are known only through Ralph (C 05 below) being a fifth son it is possible they were sons who died young, leaving John & Ralph, but this is conjecture...

### THE MANOR OF GREAT ORTON

The manor descended to four daughters & co-heirs of Sir Clement de Skelton of Armthwaite & Joan de Orton, at which time the manor & advowson were divided into three parts; "They divided the manor into three parts, which Leighe, Ridley and Blennerhasset enjoyed respectively, and charged the land with a rent of £8 to Bellases, who sold the same to one Coldall a merchant in Carlisle, which afterwards came by marriage to a younger branch of the Briscoes. Afterwards John Brisco purchased Leigh's part of Wilfrid Lawson and Maud his wife, and of Thomas Blennerhasset another third part." [N&B vol.2 pp.203, 207-8] [DENTON/1 p.82] [LB p.48]

Agnes de Skelton, eldest dau. (m. Sir William Leigh of Isell, who d.1469); her descendant 1 Thomas Leigh of Isell died leaving his property to his widow Maud; she remarried to Sir Wilfred Lawson, who sold Agnes' 1/3 of Great Orton to John Brisco of Crofton 1574 [N&B vol.2 p.203]

Joan (Jane) de Skelton (m. Ralph de Blenerhayset) - her descendant Thomas Blennerhasset 2 of Carlisle (C 07) sold Joan's 1/3 share to John Brisco of Crofton 1580 [N&B vol.2 p.203] [N&B vol.2 pp.207-8, 506] name him Richard (w. Ralph as his brother) in error, NOTE at top right

Alice de Skelton (m.1st Nicholas Ridley of Willimoteswick, Northumberland & m.2nd 3 John Bellasis); her Ridley descendants sold Alice's 1/3 share to the tenants in 1577 (from Alice descended Bishop Ridley, the Marian Martyr - MORIARTY p.274)

<??> de Skelton (m. <??> Belasis) who sold her own share of a charge of £8 pa on the 4 property to Richard Coledale, merchant, of Carlisle, from whom descended George Brisco, who with his father Robert Brisco sold the Coldale charge to John Brisco of Crofton 1613

WAMPOOL - Blennerhasset held land at Wampool, as follows:

"...Afterwards Blennerhasset, Dacre, and Warwick of Warwick were Lords thereof. Richard Warwick heir of the Warwicks' part lately sold the same to the inhabitants who are lords of the freeholds. It is holden of the barony of Burgh and was antiently a demesne, but is now divided into four tenements, two whereof are Warwicks, and Blennerhasset and Dacre have the other two. Warwicks' moiety descended from Thomas de Whitrigg Knt; Blennerhasset's part from William Arthuret Knt, heir to Adam de Crofton." [DENTON/1 p.75]





**DISCONNECTED :**

?????????????>>> William de Blenerhayset  
Mayor of Carlisle 1382

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**Perhaps(?) identical with a**  
William Hassett whose Will (in latin)  
was pr.12.5.1425 [PCC NA PROB 11/3]

?????????????>>> Richard de Blenerhayset; of Carlisle1415/16,  
when he witnessed a document with John de Blenerhayset  
(son of Alan - C 02) who may perhaps(?) be his father....  
[D AY 1/117]

?????????????>>> <son> Blennerhassett  
m. temp Henry V (1413-22) or Henry VI (1422-71);  
dau. of John Eglesfield of Sutton  
from a family tree of 1730 at [CRO Carlisle]

?????????????>>> <??> Blennerhassett  
"...of Carlisle...";

**de STAFFOL of STAFFOL**  
**(now STAFFIELD)**

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m. temp. Henry V (1413-1422) to <??> de Staffol,  
one of 3 daughters & co-heirs of de Staffol of Staffol (now Staffield) in Kirkoswald, Cumberland and  
probably also of Arthuret, Cumberland; by this marriage obtaining a 1/3 share in the manor of Staffield  
[DENTON/1] [LYSONS p.128] [N&B vol.2 p.426] [FERGUSON p.125]  
[HUTCHINSON vol.1 pp.208, 494] [WHELLAN p.137] [BP] [BIFR p.133] [BROWNE p.1b] [JACKSON Ms.]

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**N&B vol.2 p.208 names the above Ralph de BH (C 01) as "Richard"**  
& names the BH who m. de Staffol as "Ralph", a brother of Richard;  
other sources [GRAHAM] [BP] [BIFR p.133] have followed [N&B];  
however, [LB] says these are all in error, [N&B] having become confused  
with the later Richard (C 03); [LB] appears to be correct in this;

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*no source has been found giving a forename to the de Blenerhayset who  
married de Staffol, or a forename to the de Staffol lady whom he married*

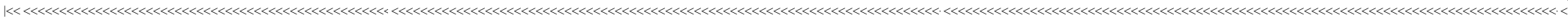
**MANOR OF STAFFOL (now STAFFIELD)**

"...STAFFOL lies between Kirkoswald and Ainstable, from the  
river Eden to the mountains, and is a fee of Kirkoswald, and gave  
name to a family of gentlemen of that place. The issue male ended  
about Henry the fifth's time [1413-1422]; and then the inheritance  
fell to three daughters, who transferred it by marriage to the  
families of Chambers, Mulcaster, and Blenerhassett of Carlisle.  
It is now [c1777] the property of the Fletchers of Hutton..."  
[N&B vol.2 p.426]

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**The three daughters & co-heirs "de Staffol" of Staffol (now Staffield) and Arthuret were:-**

- 1 <??> de Staffol m. <??> Chambers
- 2 <??> de Staffol m. John Mulcaster (son of Richard Mulcaster)  
who "...married the heir of Arthuret and Staffol, by whom we  
hold lands about Carlisle..."
- 3 <??> de Staffol m. <??> Blennerhassett of Carlisle  
[DENTON/1 p.125] [GRAHAM pp.110-124]

**See NOTE on the Mulcaster -  
Blennerhassett connection (C 03)**





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The Blennerhassett lands were but a small part of the vast Munster estates (574,628 acres) forfeited to the crown by the rebel Earl Gerald FitzGerald, 15th Earl of Desmond when he was attainted for treason 1582

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The chief undertakers in Kerry were Sir William Herbert, Charles Herbert, Sir Valentine Browne, Sir Edward Denny and Jenkin Conway; Sir Edward Denny was granted lands at Tralee, including "Castle More", the Earl of Desmond's "Great Castle" at Tralee

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m. <???

>> John Blennerhassett of Flimby presented as patron for the church of Addington in Leathward 1574 [N&B vol.2 p.451]; d.1578 i.p.m. 1579/80 (22 Elizabeth I) [NA C 142/188/14]

>> William Blennerhassett of Flimby  
see notes with:  
William BH (d.1621) right and John BH (m.1590) above

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>> John Blennerhassett of Carlisle; Bailiff 1577 [Ca/3/1/96]; in 1581 he signed a bond for 40s, "...to repay 20s two months after the next return of Edward Aglionby [of Carlisle] from the city and town of Naples..." [D AY 1/237]

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>> "heirs of Edward Blennerhassett" at Caldbeck Upperton among tenants of Caldbeck Upperton listed in a survey of 1587 were the heirs of Edward Blennerhassett, holding there "2 messauges & twenty acres of land with appurtenances by knights service" [WHELLAN p.221]

**MANOR OF WEST NEWTON** The five dau's & co-heirs of James de Martindale of West Newton (see below, C6) were:-  
1. <??> de Martindale (m. Cuthbert Radcliffe)  
2. Janet (Joan) de Martindale m. John BH of Carlisle (C 07)  
3. <??> de Martindale (m. Anthony Barker)  
4. <??> de Martindale (m. Richard Dacre)  
5. Isabella de Martindale (m. 1st Humphry Dacre, bro. of Richard; she m. 2nd William Musgrave of Hayton, d.1597)

>> Thomas Blennerhassett >>>>>> >>> Thomas Blennerhassett Jr; fl. 1627 of Carlisle

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Thomas(?) Blennerhassett and Thomas Blennerhassett Jr (presumably his son) both witnessed a document in 1627 [D HA/2/194]; Thomas Blennerhassett witnessed a lease at Carlisle 1630 [Ca/3/5/3/5]

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This or another Thomas Blennerhassett was Burgess for Carlisle 1602/3 to 1610/11 (1 to 8 James I); This or another Thomas Blennerhassett was Mayor of Carlisle 1596/7, 1601, 1607, 1614, 1620, 1622, 1624/5 [Ca/3/1/125] [Ca/3/5/3/47] [WHELLAN pp.135-7] [HOC 1558-1603]

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a document of 1631 describes Thomas Blennerhassett as a "deforciant" (i.e. one who keeps out of possession the rightful owner of an estate) against Adam Ward, gentleman, with regard to two acres of meadow & three acres of pasture in Stanwix, value £60 [D/WYB/2/13]

>> Jane Blennerhassett >>>>>>>>>>>> Edward Lamplugh (dsp)

**NOTE:**  
an Alice Blennerhassett was  
bur.14.11.1654 at Lamplugh (W 02)

? m.c.1553 at Lamplugh, Cumberland; John Lamplugh of Lamplugh Hall; son & heir of Sir John Lamplugh Kt, Sheriff of Cumberland 1537/8  
(29 Henry VIII) and Isabella Curwen of Workington Hall, near Carlisle [N&B vol.2 p.38] [WHELLAN pp.327, 400];  
his 1st marriage: John Lamplugh m.2nd to Isabel Stapleton, dau. of Christopher Stapleton of Wighill (& had a son Richard Lamplugh)  
[VoC/1615, repeated by CWAAS NS 1961 vol.61 p.122] has John Lamplugh as a son by his father's 2nd marriage;  
his 1st marriage; he m.2nd Isabel Stapleton

**GREAT ORTON  
WEST NEWTON**

>> Richard Blennerhassett, Esquire, Gentleman >>>>>>>>>>>> >>> Thomas Blennerhassett of Carlisle & Great Orton (mentioned in his father's 1571 Will)  
also "yeoman, of Carlisle" (or this perhaps a different man?) [HUDDLESTON p.?] & [GRAHAM p.53] have "probably of Flimby", but offer no evidence  
As coheir to Sir Gyles de Orton (who d.bef. Aug.1369) he held a one third part of the Manor of Great Orton (C 01)

>>> John Blennerhassett; Mayor of Carlisle 1553-54 (Ca/3/1/60-61)

of the "city of Carlisle" 1555 [D HC 2/7/9]; of the parish  
of St.Mary, Carlisle" 1571 (perhaps Carlisle Cathedral;  
Lord of the manor of Great Orton; also of West Newton (C 09);  
in 1555 sold property in FISHERGATE (later called Fisher St.)  
Carlisle to Anthony Rumpney [D HC 2/7/9];

on 20.7.1580 Thomas Blennerhassett sold his 1/3 part of the Manor of  
Great Orton to John Brisco of Crofton (C 01), except for one tenement in the sale  
which he sold to John Lowther; his share of the advowson was included in the sale  
[N&B vol.2 pp.203, 207-8, 506] [WHELLAN p.175] [DENTON/1 p.83] [LB pp.50, 63]  
NOTE: The mother of John Lowther of Great Orton was Magdalen "Maud" Blennerhassett (C 11),  
she a widow by 1619 [TH deed 15.G] in [CWAAS NS 1938 vol.38 p.247]

**JOHN LOWTHER of Great Orton**

>>> Leonard Blennerhassett (of Carlisle? of Garth?), Cumberland;

? small farmer, in 1564 keeping 2 cows, "1 stirk",  
? 40 sheep, 14 "sheep hogs", 1 sow and 2 hogs;  
? probate inventory dated 1564  
? [CRO Ref: P.1564 Leonard Blennerhassett]  
? was prepared by "four sworn men of G.....tt",  
? namely John Hudson of Garth, Alexander <??>, William Nixon  
? & John <??>; at his death he owed £4 to Thomas Falder

JP Cumberland 1566-7 [Ca/2/210, 214]; Mayor of Carlisle 1549-5  
[Ca/3/1/51-53], 1567 [Ca/2/211-213] & 1570 [Ca/3/1/86]; mem.  
Carlisle Council 1566-70; "...in 1563 a caveat was entered by Ed.  
Monk of city of Carlisle, yeoman, & others who claimed the next  
avoidance by virtue of the assignment of a grant made by Dean  
& Chapter of Carlisle to Richard BH, gentleman [of W.Newton]"

in 1574 John Brisco also purchased the Leigh 1/3 part of Great Orton and  
in 1613 the Belasis/Coledale/Brisco interest in Great Orton [LB pp.46-48]

>>> Robert Blennerhassett of Carlisle, Cumberland

? d.c.1567; Will dated 8.2.1567/8; probate inventory undated  
? [CRO Ref: P.1567 Robert Blennerhassett];  
? he requested to be bur. "...within the [in]firmery churchyard  
? of the Blessed Trinity of St.Marys..." which the archivist at  
? Carlisle Record Office believes to be the Cathedral at Carlisle;  
? Carlisle Cathedral started life in 1122 as the church to  
? St.Mary's Priory, but was established as "The Cathedral  
? Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, Carlisle" in 1133  
? his executors were Thomas & Anna Folder;  
? Thomas Pattenson in 1567 owed his estate £3-6s-8d;  
? Robert Dalton in 1567 owed his estate 25s

Richard BH "late mayor of Carlisle" was sued by George  
Grayme, clerk & his wife Anne for denying them justice in  
their attempt to recover debts due to Ann's former husband..."  
[NA STAC 2/16] covering 1509-47

"Gift by Thomas Blennerhassett of Carlisle and Mabel his wife, to  
Edward Aglionby of Carlisle & to William Musgrave of Abbeyholme  
(Holme Cultram, Abbetown), his principal house or mansion in which  
Thomas & Mabel live together, in FISHERGATE (later called FISHER St.)  
Carlisle" [D HC 2/7/14] dated 1612

m. Mabel <??>  
[LB pp.46-55] has a pedigree chart also naming her Mabel, but no source is given)

>>> Thomas Blennerhassett >>>>> ???; Christopher Blennerhassett  
of Irthington (Yrthington),  
near Carlisle, Cumberland  
m. Ann Curwen of  
Workington Hall, nr Carlisle  
(dau. of Sir Thomas Curwen  
d.c.1470 and Anne (Alice?)  
Lowther, dau. of Sir Robert  
Lowther of Lowther)

of Irthington, Cumberland  
"...a Gentleman of great  
account in that county..."  
d.c.20.12.1614 Cumberland

? Set in the wall of St.Michael's  
? Church, Workington, is an  
? ancient stone carved with  
? Blennerhassett coat-of-arms

"Articles of order and agreement" dated 4.8.1567 (9 Elizabeth I)  
[Ca/2/212] refer to differences between Richard Blennerhassett,  
mayor by order of the Privy Council, & the aldermen of Carlisle,  
on the one hand, and Robert Dalton, "late pretended mayor of  
Carlisle" on the other  
d.15.5.1571 (13 Eliz. I), bur. inside St.Mary's Church, Carlisle;  
Will dated 7.5.1571, inventory dated 15.5.1571 (day of his death)  
proved [CRO Ref: P.1571 Richard Blennerhassett];  
i.p.m. 1570/1 (13 Elizabeth I) [NA C 142/156/6];  
the inventory of his effects shows a well-to-do man;  
the counterpane on his bed was valued at 33s 4d, this must  
have been sumptuous, rich & beautiful to be worth so much

>>> John Blennerhassett (witnessed his father's Will in 1571)

>>> Margaret Blennerhassett (mentioned in her father's 1571 Will)

>>> Elizabeth Blennerhassett (mentioned in her father's 1571 Will)

at his death he was owed 46s 8d by "John Blennerhassett of Irthington",  
Irthington is in Gilsland, so perhaps(?) he is identical with John Blennerhassett of the Barony of Gilsland (C 10)...

m. Dorothy <??>; she m.2nd Thomas Curwen (NOTE: There is another Blennerhassett-Curwen connection - see LEFT)

**Confusing two RICHARD BLENNERHASSETTS:**

[N&B vol.2 pp.207-8, 506] confused the above Richard Blennerhassett with an earlier Ralph Blennerhassett, MP (C 01), named Richard Blennerhassett by some, who m. Joan de Skelton, co-heir of Sir Gyles de Orton; This confusion was because the above Richard Blennerhassett's son Thomas Blennerhassett, in 1578/9 entered a successful caveat claiming patronage of the Rectory of Great Orton as from "...Richard Blennerhassett of Carlisle esq. who married one of the co-heirs of Sir Giles Orton, Kt..."; this caveat was followed in 1579 by another caveat entered by: "...Marian, relict of John Twentymen late of Little Orton, to whom avoidance had been granted by Richard BH of the city of Carlisle esquire, who had married one of the co-heirs of Sir Giles Orton knight, and institution was given on the latter claim to Mr. Leonard Lowther..."

This cannot be correct...  
the widow of John Twentymen could not have co-existed with the Blennerhassett who m. Joan de Skelton, co-heir of Sir Gyles de Orton (C 01), as Joan lived 200 years earlier; it must surely be that the grant was by the above Richard Blennerhassett who "descended and heir of" the Blennerhassett who married Joan de Skelton

[LB p.47] puts it this way: "...The second daughter, Joan [de Skelton], married Ralph Blennerhassett; There has been some confusion about this marriage. Mr. T.H.B. Graham [GRAHAM pp.51-53] makes him Richard, quoting [N&B vol.2 p.208]. But the latter (i.e. [N&B]) have identified a Richard, living in the middle of the 16th century, with the husband of Joan [de Skelton], who lived in the 14th. Further comment is unnecessary..."  
This error in [N&B vol.2 p.207-8, 506] received wide circulation, being repeated by:  
[WHELLAN p.175], [HUTCHINSON vol.2 p.574], [BROWNE pp.1,2,8], [GRAHAM pp.51-53], [BP] & [BIFR p.133]

In "The Registers of Great Orton, Carlisle, 1568 to 1812" [CWAAS OS 1886 vol.8] Rev. W.F.Gilbanks writes:  
"...the Twentymen family (often written XXman), at Little Orton, claimed some degree of position and influence, to judge by their successful caveat in 1579 against the gift of Orton living by Thomas Blennerhassett, and their own gift of the same to Leonard Lowther..."



>>>>>>>>>>>> >>>>>> <??> Blennerhassett  
m. Margaret de Coledale  
(dau. of Marion de Coledale  
& sister of Sithe de Coledale  
who m. Robert Rose)  
[NA C 1/270/35]





ARTHURET

>>> Clement Blennerhasset >>>>> >>> >>> ?????????????????????? >>> Thomas Blennerhasset >>>>> >>> <??> Blennerhasset; eldest son  
b. <??> d.c1500/1515  
/ of Arthuret, Cumberland  
"...at the period of John Blennerhasset's death..."  
i.e. John BH "the younger" fl.1484 (C 07) [GRAHAM p.52];  
Clement BH's executrix was Margaret Myer [NA C 1/336/23]  
/ Clement Blennerhasset held extensive lands at Arthuret,  
"in chief of the Duchy of Lancaster" temp. Edward IV (1461-83);  
/ on Clement's death these lands escheated to the Duchy & were  
later regranted by King Henry VIII (indenture dated 13.4.1538,  
under the seal of the Duchy) to William Graham of Arthuret,  
alias "Lang Will", seemingly to obtain the support of the  
Grahams against the Scots;

/ These lands, about 40 sq. miles in area, elevated William Graham  
to the position of one of the most important landholders on the  
Border; "Lang Will" settled his eight sons on the land, but  
"...Scarcely were the family settled down on their new  
possessions, when an attempt to oust them was made by one  
Thomas Blennerhasset. This gentleman asserted that the whole  
of these lands belonged to him, as heir male to Clement  
Blennerhasset, who had held them in capite from the Duchy  
in the time of king Edward IV.  
In 1543-4 Blennerhasset complained to the king that, owing to  
his having neglected to sue out livery on the death of Clement,  
the lands (being then worthless on account of the wars) had  
escheated to the Duchy and been regranted to the Grahams.  
He now prayed for a special livery, or another piece of land  
in lieu thereof..." however, the Grahams retained the lands  
[Cal.Pat.Rolls 1543/4, Duchy of Lancs vol.2 p.77]  
[CWAAS NS 1930 vol.30 "The Grahams of Esk" pp.224-5]  
[CWAAS NS 1931 vol.31 p.274] [GRAHAM p.53]

BARONY of GILSLAND

>>> John Blennerhasset; of the Barony of Gilsland, Cumberland; perhaps(?) of Irthington in Gilsland (see below)

**BP makes this Thomas the father of John & Jane BH (C 07), but doubtful, and no evidence found**

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**BORDER SERVICE:**

on 25.3.1548 Thomas Lord Wharton wrote from Carlisle to the Lord Protector, reporting that:  
"...John Blennerasset, leader of the horsemen of the barony of Gillesland, and youngest son of Thomas Blennerasset..."  
was one of three gentlemen taken prisoner by the Scots, with 176 carriage men and 379 horses;  
see "Threlkelds of Melmerby" in [CWAAS OS 1889 vol.10 p.17 ] and [Calandar of State Papers {Green}, Addenda, 1547 to 1565, p.374]  
/ perhaps(?) identical with John Blennerhasset of Irthington, Cumberland, who in 1571 owed 46s 8d to the estate of Richard Blennerhasset of Carlisle (C 08);  
Irthington is a small village within the Barony of Gilsland, about eight miles NE of Carlisle;  
**NOTE: The Barony of Gilsland consisted of these parishes:  
Brampton, Carlatton, Castle Carrock, Cumrew, Cumwhitton, Nether Denton, Upper Denton, Farlam, Hayton, Irthington and Lanercost [Abbey];  
Gilsland was held by the Howard family (Earls of Carlisle, Ainstable & Irthington, Cumberland) following the marriage of  
William Howard, third son of the Duke of Norfolk, to Elizabeth, sister of George, 6th Lord Dacre of Gilsland, Greystock & Wemm**

In 1533/4 there was a commission to Thomas Blennerhasset and others, commanding them to make enquiry concerning the land &  
heir of Edward Blennerhasset of Carlisle, who deceased (C 07) who d.c1533/4 [L&P Henry VIII {1509-47} vol.6 p.403] [GRAHAM p.52];  
In 1543/4 he (*or another Thomas Blennerhasset ?*) claimed extensive lands at Arthuret, as heir to Clement Blennerhasset (see left) who had held the same in chief, of  
the Duchy of Lancaster, temp. Edward IV (1461-1483); and which lands had escheated to the Duchy of Lancaster on death of Clement and been regranted, by indenture  
dated 13.4.1538, to William Graham of Arthuret, alias "Lang Will" [Cal.Pat.Rolls 1543/4, Duchy of Lancaster, vol.2 p.77] [CWAAS NS 1931 vol.31 p.274] [GRAHAM p.53]

**BORDER SERVICE:**

"The Border service was one of considerable importance, & of a very harassing kind in repelling the inroads and forays of the Scots, & further details concerning it can be sought in 'Ridpath's Border History'..."  
[CWAAS OS 1878 vol.3 art.XXIII, "Extracts Relating to the Border Service" p.206]; In 1526 a list of "*The names of the pensioners with their fees upon the West Marches of England for anempst Scotland*"  
included "...Thomas Blennerhasset, gentleman £6 13s 4d...", listed 24th of 34 names [CWAAS OS 1878 vol.3 Art.XXIII p.207] [COTTON Caligula B. II. f.263b]

Sir Thomas Wharton, Knt in 1542 (34 Henry VIII) was Deputy Warden of the West March & Captain of Carlisle Castle [N&B vol.1 p.xlvii], having "...became eminent and in high trust with the king as a most  
active and vigilant warden of the Marches..." [N&B vol.1 p.xiv]; "...Sir Thomas Wharton to be deputy Warden and continually resident upon his office, and to have a yearly fee to be paid by the hands of  
the Sheriff of Cumberland... the gentlemen whose names follow shall be assistant to the said Deputy Warden, and have such yearly fees as ensueth..." including "...Thomas Blennerhasset £6 13s 4d..."  
(listed 21st of 35)

another list of similar date has "*The names of all the gentlemen within the shire of Cumberland*" including "p [pensioner] Thomas Blennerasset Ar [Armiger], Richard Blennerasset gent, John Blennerasset gent"  
listed 35th, 71st & 73rd of 93 [CWAAS OS 1878 vol.3 Art.XXIII p.210-213] [COTTON Caligula B. III. f.193b-194]; The other two are Richard BH of Great Orton & John BH of Flimby (C 6);

In 1543 (34 Henry VIII) Thomas Blennerhasset was Land Serjeant of the Barony of Gilsland [L&P Henry VIII {1509-47} vol.18 part 1, p.144] [GRAHAM p.52] and as such  
"...Thomas Blennerhasset for Gilsland with (companies of) horse and foot..." appears 29th in list of 37 principal Gentlemen of Cumberland called out by Sir Thomas Wharton  
for service defending the border against the Scots [N&B vol.1 "Ancient State of the Borders" p.xlix-I] [HUTCHINSON vol.1 p.26] [BROWNE p.IV] [HICKSON/OKR vol.1 p.2]

[HUTTON p.49] reports that at the battle of Solway Moss in 1543, the Lord Warden of the Scotch Muster summoned Thomas Blennerhasset "...with 60 horse..." from his manor of Gilsland;

By 1548 Sir Thomas Wharton, Knt had become Thomas, Lord Wharton;

In 1552 Thomas BH was overseer of Border Watches "...From the foot of Irding to the foot of Gelt, four several watches, & four men in every watch; Over Crosby, the Wall, Lyversdale, and Irdinton to keep  
these watches nightly, at most doubtful & needful places; the bailiffs and constables to appoint searchers for these watches: Overseer thereof, Thomas Blennerhasset the king's highness's servant"  
[N&B vol.1 p.lxxxv] [CWAAS NS 1908 vol.8 p.56]



