

## BLENNERHASSETT family of WIGTON in Co.CUMBERLAND

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>>> Richard Blennerhassett >>> >>> William >>>>>>>>>>>> >> Richard Blennerhassett; b.3.3.1754 bapt.18.7.1754 Wigton;  
flaxdresser (p.C 10) | Blennerhassett | bur.24.8.1757 St Saul's Church Wigton (interred in same coffin as his sister Betty); headstone inscription has d. August 1758 in error  
of Wigton, Cumberland; | (bapt. Record has Gulius |  
b. <??> | abbreviating Gulimus, |  
d.7.7.1744 | the latin for William) |  
bur.3.8.1744 Wigton; | / |  
St Saul's Church, Wigton; | bapt.26.11.1730 |  
d. intestate administration | St Saul's Church Wigton |  
granted to his widow | merchant, grocer, |  
9.3.1744 (18 George II) | shopkeeper |  
/ | / |  
m.9.7.1730 | of Wigton, |  
Jane Stoddart fl.1744 | "late of Wigton" in 1775 |  
/ | / |  
A close friend of Sir James Lowther, Bart.  
(1736-1802; later Lord Lonsdale, 1st Earl of Lonsdale);  
High Constable of Allerdale-below-Darwent, Cumberland  
for "upwards of 50 years.", under two Lord Lieutenants  
of Cumberland; | / |  
One of these was his friend Sir James Lowther, the other  
Sir Wilfred Lawson on Braytonhall, Aspatria, Cumberland  
(there were three of that name in succession, first an MP  
who d.1762; then his uncle; then that uncle's son...);  
*See note on Sir James Lowther on p.C 7,*  
also his biography in CWMP pp.407-410;  
in 1775 he sued Edward Brown for "trespass,  
assault & false imprisonment" [D LAW/8/14/32]

William Blennerhassett's g.son William Wynne  
Blennerhassett wrote about him that he was  
"...head of the Cumberland branch (of the family)..."  
and that the family | / |  
were people of wealth & note in that County...;  
d.30.3.1813 Wigton; bur.1.4.1813 Wigton;  
[GM <month?> 1813] | / |  
| / |  
| / |

m.21.10.1753 St.Cuthbert, Carlisle;  
Anne Newton; flaxdresser  
b.c1733; d.23.8.1800; bur.25.8.1800 Wigton

their g.son William Wynne Blennerhassett's Ms. on  
family genealogy shows his g.father William BH of  
Wigton m. to Ann(?) Irving of Dumphries, not Anne  
Newton as shown here, but I believe Anne Newton  
to be correct; W.W. BH may well have known  
William married an Anne; also, he recorded an item  
found in "History & Antiquities of Suffolk" by  
Suckling 1846, vol.I p.37, under the heading "BH  
of Barsham (Suffolk)" about a William Blennerhassett  
of Wigton, Cumberland who married a lady named  
Irving from Dumphries; he appears to have put these  
two pieces of information together, in error...

| / |  
>> Richard Blennerhassett  
| bapt.24.7.1734 Wigton  
| bur.11.4.1736 Wigton  
| / |  
>> Richard Blennerhassett  
bapt.18.8.1736 Wigton

>> Lt. James Blennerhassett, RN >>>>>>>>>>>> >> Samuel Blennerhassett; bapt.23.4.1786; d.young  
bapt.9.2.1758 St Saul's Church Wigton, Cumberland |  
eldest surviving son and heir |  
/ |  
Like his brother William, James Blennerhassett  
received a commission in the Royal Navy through  
the interest of his father's friend Sir James Lowther,  
Bart. (1736-1802), Lord Lieut. of Cumberland  
& later Lord Lonsdale, 1st Earl of Lonsdale |  
/ |  
James Blennerhassett was believed by his nephew  
William Wynne Blennerhassett in the USA (b.1807)  
(W 05) to have d.c23/24.9.1779, aged about 21 years,  
during American War of Independence, missing in  
action while serving as Lt. aboard British  
frigate HMS "Serapis" (new ship of 44 guns) during  
a famous North Sea "duel" with American Privateer  
"Bonhomme Richard" under Capt. John Paul Jones;  
The young Lt. James Blennerhassett was believed  
by him to have been taken prisoner on board HMS  
"Serapis", but "was never heard of after the battle..." |  
/ |  
William Wynne Blennerhassett, in Ms. notes on the  
family genealogy, wrote: "the [British] vessels were  
carried into the Texel, since then nothing satisfactory  
has been heard of James Blennerhassett. It was  
understood at the time that a number [of the crew]  
after being taken into the Texel, tried to escape in  
in a boat, that (John) Paul Jones fired upon the boat  
and sank it, and they were all drowned. It was  
thought that James (Blennerhassett) was among  
those drowned..." |  
/ |  
However, James did survive, to serve in 1781 on  
HMS "Cabot" (14 guns), a brig-sloop captured from  
the Americans in 1777;

*NOTE: The American ship "Cabot" (Capt.Joseph O'Hara) was chased for 24 (48?) hours before being run ashore, then got off by HMS "Milford" (28 guns; Capt.John Burr) 26.3. or 28.5.1777*

/ Purser aboard HMS "Raisonable" (64 guns) 1805

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William Wynne Blennerhassett also wrote that he  
recalled hearing, as a child, that his uncle James  
Blennerhassett was heir to Flimby Hall (the principal  
seat of Blennerhassett family in Cumberland) and that after uncle James' death William Wynne's own  
father Robert would become heir, which does  
imply that James was known to be alive...  
*"...I have often heard when a child that Flimby  
Hall belonged to my Uncle James..."*  
and  
*"...I have always heard from uncles, aunts, etc  
that Flimby Hall belongs to us..."*

### JAMES PRIMROSE BLENNERHASSETT in the ROYAL NAVY

James Primrose Blennerhassett joined the Royal Navy May 1800 as a volunteer on HMS "Pomone" (38 guns), under Capt. Robert Carthew Reynolds and Capt. Edward Leveson Gower; In the Mediteranean under Capt Gower he assisted at the capture (after a stiff action of 10 minutes in which the ship lost 2 men killed & 4 wounded) of the French ship Carriere (40 guns) off the Isle of Elba on 3.8.1801; also capture of "Bravoure" on 2.9.1801 and retaking of HMS "Success" (renamed "Succes" by French) off Vado on 2.9.1801

/ Midshipman on HMS "Tonnant" (80 guns + 10) from 19.3.1803 until March 1807; in 1803-4 "Tonnant" was commanded by Capt. Sir Edward Pellew, who on 7.1.1804 reported to the Admiralty on the growing French activity at Ferrol and Corunna in supposedly neutral Spain; commanded in 1804-5 by Capt. William Henry Jervis, Channel Fleet; Capt. Jervis drowned off Brest when going in his gig from "Tonnant" to "San Joseph" on 26.1.1805; in 1805 commanded by Capt. Charles Tyler, off Cadiz; In March 1805 "Dreadnought", "Tonnant", "Mars", "Illustrious" & "Minotaur" were detached from the blockade off Brittany and formed into a new squadron under Vice-Admiral Collingwood; later that year James Primrose Blennerhassett, on HMS "Tonnant" under Capt. Charles Tyler, was present at the battle of Trafalgar 21.10.1805; he afterwards received the Trafalgar Roll medal, awarded to 1636 men (the Admiralty official number was only 1627)...

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*"Tonnant" at Trafalgar was the 4th vessel in line in the lee division; She came to the aid of "Mars" which was exposed to heavy fire from "Fougueux" and "Pluton" and steered  
for the bow of the "Algesiras" which lay on the lee quarter of "Monarca"; Capt. Tyler raked "Monarca" then hauled alongside; the Spaniard struck her colours but then  
rehoisted them; "Tonnant" then ran "Algesiras" on board, at the same time firing her larboard guns at "Pluton" and "San Juan". Just before 2 o'clock Capt. Tyler was taken  
below with a severe wound and Lt. John Bedford took command; By this time the "Tonnant" had lost all her top masts; Attempts by "Algesiras" to board were repulsed by  
"Tonnant's" marines; shortly afterwards the French ship struck & Lt. Charles Bennett with Lt. Arthur Ball of the marines boarded her with 50 men to take possession; Lt. Benjamin  
Clement was sent with two men in the only remaining jolly boat, to take possession of the San Juan, which had sailed to say that she had struck, but the boat was swamped  
before they got half-way & the Lieutenant, who could not swim, had to be rescued by one of the seamen who swam to the "Tonnant" for a rope; William Brown a midshipman,  
16 seamen & nine marines were killed; Capt. Tyler, Richard Little - Boatswain, William Allen - Clerk, Henry Ready - Master's Mate, 30 seamen & 16 marines were wounded*

/ from 5.4.1807 acted as Lt. of HMS "Confiance" (20 guns) off the coast of Portugal under Capt. James Lucas Yeo, until his official promotion to Lt. on 29.7.1807, when he joined  
HMS "Bedford" (74 guns) as 1st Lt. under Capt. James Walker, commissioned to join Rear-Admiral Sir Sidney Smith in escorting Portuguese Royal family from Lisbon to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where they were under the protection of the British squadron; HMS "Marlborough", "London", "Monarch" and "Bedford", with eight Portuguese ships of the line, four frigates, two brigs and a schooner, accompanied by a large fleet of merchant vessels, reached Rio on 7 March 1808 after a passage of 14 weeks;  
Sir Sidney SMITH had a pleasant house beside the river called Chacra Braganca but on the ships at Rio they complained of prickly heat and were glad to cruise off Cape Frio or down to the river Plate; While in Brazil "Bedford" was commanded for a short time in 1808-9 by Capt. Adam Mackenzie of HMS "President"; James P. Blennerhassett was on "Bedford" with the squadron at the Blockade of Flushing 1811, then at the Jamaica Station; in 1812 "Bedford" was off the Texel, Holland;

The Caird Library in the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich has a "marked-up" copy of "The Commissioned Sea Officers of the Royal Navy 1660-1815";  
this has James Primrose Blennerhassett serving on sloop HMS "Coquette" 1807 before HMS "Bedford" 1808, but I am unsure if Coquette is correct...

/ James Primrose Blennerhassett was on half pay Oct.1813; he retired at the rank of Commander 3.9.1844 under H.M. Order-in-Council of 1.11.1830;  
Greenwich Hospital Pensioner 1844-1868; he attended the annual "Trafalgar Dinner" held in 1859 at the "Thatched House Tavern" [TIMES 22.10.1859]

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**FURTHER HISTORY OF HMS "TONNANT":** 80 guns, plus carried an additional ten; captured from the French by Rear Admiral Nelson in Aboukir Bay on 1.8.1798; commanded  
by Capt. Loftus Otway Bland January 1799; by Capt. Robert Lewis FitzGerald February 1799 at Gibraltar; in ordinary at Plymouth 1800; at the end of the year she was waiting to go  
into dock for repair; Commanded by Capt. Sir John Gore 1810-11, convoying troops to Lisbon Sept.1810; by Capt. Wainright 1814; Flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane,  
with Captain of the Fleet Rear-Admiral Edward Codrington; then Capt. Alexander Skene; by April 1815 Capt. Charles Kerr, North America; Capt. Wainright arrived at the Admiralty  
on 27.9.1814 with an account of the capture & destruction of Washington, on 24.8.1814, by the army under Major-Gen. Ross; During the attack on Baltimore on 12.8.1814 Tonnant  
had the following wounded while serving with the army ashore: Severely: Charles Ogle - Midshipman, Matthew Hamsted - OS, Daniel Ross - OS, James MacQuire - OS; Slightly:  
William Johnson - OS, John Wilson - OS, John Redmonds - OS; Following the peace with America, Sir Alex Cochrane sailed for Bermuda in Tonnant and she returned to England  
in the spring of 1815; 1816-17 Capt. John Tailour, 11/15; Flagship of Rear-Admiral Sir Benjamin Hallowell, Cork station;  
HMS "Tonnant" subsequently became the flag-ship of Rear-Admiral Eliab Harvey and flag-ship of Rear-Admiral Hon. Michael de Courcy K.T.S., Admiral of the Blue 1821,  
who m.24.10.1786 Anne Blennerhassett of Castle Conway, Killorglin, Co.Kerry (p.K 15); HMS "Tonnant" was broken-up in 1821

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**HMS SERAPIS****History of HMS "Serapis" (44 guns):**

Built at Rotherhithe 1778-9; launched 4.3.1779; Battle off Flamborough Head 23/24.9.1779; Captured by John Paul Jones 24.9.1779; Sold at L'Orient, eventually being bought and refitted for the French Navy and sent to the Indian Ocean; Accidentally burnt at St. Marie de Madagascar July 1781, when an open light was dropped into a tub of brandy; See "Ships of the Old Navy" by Michael Phillips at <http://www.cronab.demon.co.uk/marit.htm>

**THE BATTLE**

late afternoon of 23.9.1779 James Blennerhassett's ship HMS "Serapis" (a new vessel of 44 guns) under Captain Richard Pearson, with the hired armed vessel Countess of Scarborough (20 guns), were in the North Sea off Flamborough Head, South of Scarborough, Yorkshire, escorting a convoy of 41 merchant ships from the Baltic; There they encountered an American squadron, the "Bonhomme Richard" (commanded by John Paul Jones), "Pallas" & the corvette "Alliance";

The duel that followed was the most notable naval battle of the revolutionary war; Jones engaged HMS Serapis by moonlight, maneuvering "Bonhomme Richard" alongside the larger vessel & lashing the two ships together; With the muzzles of their guns touching, the warships fired into each other's insides; Jones' smaller & older ship was badly battered, repeatedly set on fire & rapidly filling with water, when the Captain Richard Pearson of HMS "Serapis" enquired of Jones if he was ready to surrender, saying Has your ship struck? (sometimes quoted as Do you ask for quarter?) which offer Jones famously rejected with, "Sir, I have not yet begun to fight"; After more than three hours of fierce & bloody battle, HMS "Serapis", being on fire, struck her colours & surrendered, Jones transferring his crew to the British ship & taking command;

"Bon Homme Richard" was badly damaged and sank the following morning; the "Countess of Scarborough" was taken by the American ship "Pallas"; The American squadron, now including the captured HMS "Serapis" rigged with jury masts, sailed for the Texel in Holland for repairs, taking ten days to get there; Jones later wrote: "...No action before was ever, in all respects, so bloody, so severe and so lasting..."; The carnage was so great that neither Jones or his opponent, Capt. Richard Pearson, ever issued a complete casualty list, however one of Jones' officers estimated the killed and wounded on "Bonhomme Richard" at 302; Capt. Pearson was knighted for his gallantry in this action

**NOTE: John Paul Jones was in Britain at the time known as "Paul Jones"**

**NOTE: John Paul Jones' refusal to surrender to HMS "Serapis" and going on to victory, is still used in the USA to illustrate the intent of Article II of "The Code of Conduct" for US forces, which states: I will never surrender of my own free will.**  
**If in command I will never surrender my men while they still have the means to resist"**

However, James did marry and leave descendants, and in any case Flimby Hall was inherited by another branch of the family (C 7) who in 1772 sold the property to Sir James Lowther, Bart. of Whitehaven (cr. 1st Earl of Lonsdale on 11.5.1784) for £6450

m.11/13.1.1781 Holy Trinity Church, Gosport, nr Portsmouth, Hampshire; **Isabella Primrose** b.c1764/6; dau. of James Primrose of Alverstoke, Hampshire; married as "...a minor, with the consent of her father"

d.26.11.1809 (not 10.12.1809) at Maker, Cornwall (nr Plymouth, Devon ["Clare Journal" of 14.12.1809] has her aged 43, but [GM Dec.1809] has her aged 45

Similar death notices in these and other journals tell that that she was closely related to Irish playwright & poet Dr. Oliver Goldsmith, and that her mother had been the model for his character Mrs. Primrose in the novel "The Vicar of Wakefield"

[GM December 1809 vol.79, part 2, p.1180] :  
*"Obituary; with anecdotes, of remarkable Persons. DEATHS. Nov. 26. At Maker, in Plymouth, aged 45, Mrs Blennerhassett, a near relative of the celebrated Dr. Oliver Goldsmith, and daughter of Mrs. Primrose, one of the heroines mentioned in The Vicar of Wakefield.";* repeated in ["The London Review and Literary Journal" Dec.1809, p.479]

[Clare Journal, Ireland, Thursday 14-Dec-1809] :  
*"On Sunday at Maker in England aged 43 years, Mrs Blennerhassett a near relation of the celebrated Dr. GOLDSMITH & daughter of Mrs PRIMROSE, one of the heroines mentioned in the Vicar of Wakefield."*

Maker is a village at the extreme S.E. corner of Cornwall, on the English Channel coast, separated from the City of Plymouth in Devon by the stretch of water known as Plymouth Sound; Maker was part of Devon until 1844, when it became part of Cornwall; It contains Maker Heights, also Mount Edgcumbe House, built in the 16th Century and famous since the 18th Century for its landscape and gardens

for  
**PRIMROSE FAMILY and OLIVER GOLDSMITH connections see W 10 & W 11 below**

**JAMES PRIMROSE BLENNERHASSETT MINING IN CORNWALL**

On retiring from the navy he took up mining, granted a license in 1831 to dig for silver, tin, copper, lead etc in part of the Manor of Tinnell (Tinnel) (CY/3806); He was an officer of the "New South Hooe Mining Company", formed in 1832; New South Hooe Mine was at Landulph, N.N.W. of Cargreen (Carngreen) & N. of Tinnel Farm, Cornwall (grid ref. SX 423 644);

At meeting in Torpoint 27.9.1835, J.P. Blennerhassett reported to the committee: "...In the expectation that a few days will enable me to communicate the cutting of the New South Hooe lode, I have desired Mr. Hitchins to draw out a plan for future operations, which I will transmit for approval of the committee. I have now only to state, that we consider the shallow level driven west from the shaft to extend now within a few fathoms of South Hooe Lode. At the point where the lode meets the level will be at a depth of 15 fathoms, & another level 10 fathoms deeper can be immediately driven from the shaft, which we have already commenced, it exhibits a very promising appearance, the lode containing spar with lead, and if not a lead lode itself evidently proving its proximity with one..."

>> Cdr. James Primrose >>> FitzGerald Blennerhassett, bapt.24.7.1825 Holcombe Rogus, Devon;

Blennerhassett RN d.1826 an infant, bur.10.2.1826 Holcombe Rogus;

who fought at Trafalgar in 1805 >> FitzGerald Blennerhassett bapt.23.4.1826 Holcombe Rogus, Devon; d.bef.1868

(see W 01 above) >> Christiana Blennerhassett bapt.22.3.1829 Holcombe Rogus; d.bef.c1839/44

/ b.1785 Hampshire; of Eastbourne, d.22.2.1868 Eastbourne, Sussex; will dated 12.1.1868, pr.28.3.1868 [PPR] >> de Courcy Blennerhassett; b.c1831 (said to be b. Soho Square, London, but no bapt. recorded at St.Anne's, Soho); was still unbaptised 1832; emig. to Victoria,

/ of Holcombe Rogus, Devon 1825-29; Kingswood Cottage, near Calstock, Cornwall 1831-32; St.Dominick, Cornwall 1835-39; of Eastborne, Sussex 1868 >> Isabella Blennerhassett; bapt.13.7.1839 St.Dominick, Cornwall; of Theale, Reading; d.1851; bur.6.1.1851 Holy Trinity Church, Theale

/ of Holcombe Rogus, Devon 1825-29; Kingswood Cottage, near Calstock, Cornwall 1831-32; St.Dominick, Cornwall 1835-39; of Eastborne, Sussex 1868 >> Amelia Blennerhassett; b.Oct-Dec.1839 Strand, London; d.Jan-Mar.1851 Berkshire; bur.17.2.1851 Holy Trinity Church, Theale, Reading, Berkshire

/ >> Christiana Blennerhassett; b.c1839/44 Holcombe Court, Wellington, Somerset; perhaps the un-named female BH who was b.1842 at Bradfield (Theale is in Bradfield district); an annuitant 1871-81; with her mother, a lodger at Willingdon, Sussex 1871; at 1881 census she was visitor at Coleshill Green, Coleshill, Bucks; d.Jan-Mar.1887 Amersham, Bucks, "aged 48 years"; unm.

/ m.est.c1824 Anna >>>>>> >> Julius Boyd; b.c1868 Presidency of Bombay, India; at boarding school, Alma Rd, Windsor, Bucks 1881

Blennerhassett b.c1846 >> Reginald Boyd; b.c1869 Presidency of Bombay, India; army cadet 1891

Reading, Berkshire; b.c1867 >> Ella Rose Boyd >>> >> Kathleen Theodora Haden-Morris b.11.10.1903 (not b.17.10.1903) Croydon, London; of Poona, b.21.7.1872 >> bapt.11.11.1903 St Anselm, Croydon London; received into the church 10.7.1904 St Anselm

Bombay Presidency, India c1873-81 >> St Pauls, Poona, >> she moved to Brazil where she was a governess 1927 and a nurse 1929;

returned to the UK with children in 1881, initially they lived at "White Roses", Coleshill, Bucks, an old farmhouse (earlier converted to a gent's residence) to which they gave an Indian name "The Bungalow"; later named Coleshill Cottage, it is now White Rose Cottage prior to her 1903 marriage her address given as 61 York Terrace, London >> Doreen Corser Haden-Morris; b.Jan-Mar.1906 Croydon, Surrey; d.Jul-Sep.1906 Wandsworth

Bombay Presidency; returned to England with her family 1881 >> in 1903 she caused a family scandal by eloping with Frank Haden Morris, a musician & singer ten years her junior, who she met when he entertained at her family's soirees >> Clifford "Cliff" >>>>>>

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returned to England with her family 1881 >> sailed Southampton to Santos, Brazil on RMS "Andes", dep.27.1.1927 (occupation: governess); sailed London to Buenos Aires, Argentina (on her way to Brazil) on Blue Star Line SS "Napier Star", dep.16.5.1929 (occupation: nurse); d. Littlehampton, England (dsp)

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/  
 >> William Blennerhassett, RN; b.?1.1760; bapt.16.2.1760 St Saul's Church Wigton;  
 Royal Navy Officer (probably Lt.), d.5.6.1779, drowned at Spithead  
 /  
 Like his elder brother James, William received a commission in the Royal Navy  
 through the interest of his father's friend Sir James Lowther, Bart. (1736-1802)  
 Lord Lieutenant of Cumberland and later Lord Lonsdale, 1st Earl of Lonsdale

/  
 >> Anne (Ann) Blennerhassett; b.2.4.1762 bapt.17.5.1762 St Saul's Church Wigton;  
 of Houndsditch, London 1813;  
 d.1.4.1813 Houndsditch, unm. [GM April 1813 vol.83 Part I, p.393];  
 will dated 8.5.1813, will pr. 24.4.1818 London [PCC]

/  
 >> Jane Blennerhassett; b.?4.1764 bapt.7.5.1764 St Saul's Church Wigton;  
 d.2.8.1764; bur.7.8.1764 St Saul's Church Wigton

/  
 >> Mary Blennerhassett  
 b.c11.7.1765 (headstone has b. April 1764 in error);  
 bapt.11.7.1765 St Saul's Church Wigton;  
 d.2.11.1826 London; will dated 8.9.1825, pr. 19.12.1826 at London [PCC]

/  
 >> Richard Blennerhassett; b.?4.1767 bapt.6.5.1767 St Saul's Church Wigton;  
 d.2.11.1767 (headstone inscription has d.?6.1767 in error);  
 bur.7.11.1767 St Saul's Church Wigton

/  
 >> Isabella "Bella" Blennerhassett; b.?3.1768  
 bapt.25.5.1768 St Saul's Church Wigton; of Houndsditch, London 1825;  
 d.28.7.1825 London "...after a lingering illness...";  
 death notice in [TIMES 1.8.1825]

/  
 >> John Blennerhassett; b.?9.1769 bapt.20.10.1769 St Saul's Church Wigton;  
 d.?10.1776 (headstone inscription has d.?10.1777 in error);  
 bur.18.6.1776 St Saul's Church Wigton

**NOTE:**  
 Frank Haden Morris  
 was the son of  
 Alfred Morris,  
 clerk to the Brighton  
 Poor-Law Guardians;  
 musician,  
 organist at St Peter's  
 church (C.o.E) at  
 Brighton, Sussex for  
 55 consecutive years;  
 and Alicia Corser

/  
 his family returned  
 to England c1880/81  
 but at 1881 census  
 still away from home,  
 (perhaps remained  
 in India?) on active  
 service  
 /  
 retired at rank  
 of Cuckfield, Sussex  
 1891;  
 d.17.12.1919  
 Croydon, Surrey  
 /  
 Ella returned alone  
 to England c1910/11;  
 on 23.1.1914 she  
 petitioned Canadian  
 Senate for divorce  
 /  
 on 14.2.1914  
 she sailed alone  
 Liverpool to Halifax,  
 Nova Scotia on the  
 ship "Alsatian"  
 persue her divorce,  
 granted at Ottawa  
 3.3.1914 by Canadian  
 Act of Parliament,  
 effective 27.5.1914  
 /  
 of Oxford House,  
 Lumley Rd, Horley,  
 Surrey 1914; of  
 The Green, Elstead,  
 Godalming, Surrey  
 (home of her son Cliff)  
 1954; d.6.12.1954  
 /  
 m.5.1.1903 St.Maryle-  
 bone, London (D);  
 Frank Haden Morris  
 ( later Haden-Morris,  
 later Hayden Morris )  
 /  
 b.10.4.1882  
 at 2 St Peter's Place, Brighton, Sussex  
 of 38 William St., Brighton 1901  
 /  
 in boarding school at 12&13 Chesham Place,  
 Brighton 1891; later at Eastbourne College  
 /  
 singer (soloist) & musician; scholarship to Royal  
 Academy of Music, London, where he was a  
 student of maestro Alberto Randegger, Signor  
 Paolo Tosti and William Davies (solo tenor at  
 St Paul's Cathedral, London)  
 /  
 of 317 Regent St., London 1903 (at 1st marriage);  
 following the marriage,  
 of 3 Victoria Terrace, Purley, Croydon 1904;  
 emig. to Canada; of Edmonton, Alberta 1914-1928  
 /  
 with his 2nd wife & children he emig. to USA, sailing from Victoria, BC 16.8.1928 on ship "City of Victoria" arriving Seattle,  
 Washington 17.8.1928; settled at Edmonds, Washington; in 1928 of 658 East 43rd St., Seattle, Washington; later that year  
 of 17215 Greenwood Ave., Seattle; of Edmonds, Snohomish Co., Washington 1935; moved to Port Angeles, Washington;  
 naturalised in the USA at Seattle (1st declaration of intent sworn 18.11.1928; 2nd sworn 27.12.1934); on both his his name is  
*Hayden Morris*, no longer as Haden-Morris; he may have adopted this new spelling at his 2nd marriage c1914;  
 director of music for choruses & church choirs at Edmonton & Seattle; sang as soloist and in quartet; at Seattle was an  
 announcer for radio stations KJR & KOMO; at his 3rd m.c1958 moved to Poulsbo, on Liberty Bay in Kitsap Co. Washington;  
 while living at Poulsbo he directed the girls choir at St Peter's RC church, Suquamish (& choir of St Hugh & St Peter church)  
 /  
 d.20.12.1960  
 Seattle, Washington  
 (residing at Poulsbo);  
 bur. Holyrood RC  
 Cem. Seattle  
 /

/  
 a kind local vicar;  
 her dau. Win is said  
 to have been born in  
 Canada & named  
 for Winnipeg city  
 /  
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 to England c1910/11;  
 on 23.1.1914 she  
 petitioned Canadian  
 Senate for divorce  
 /  
 of Smallfield Terrace,  
 Reigate/Redhill 1949  
 (dsp)  
 /  
 m.Oct-Dec.1952 Surrey  
 Albert V. Rabrott  
 /  
 >> Alec Blennerhassett Haden-Morris, RN; b.Oct-Dec.1911 Reigate, Surrey  
*(his name sometimes incorrectly written as Alec Blenner-Hassett Haden-Morris, an error that occurred because a hyphenated version of the Blennerhassett surname does exist within an unrelated Canadian family, to which some wrongly assume he belonged...)*  
 /  
 Royal Navy Supply Assistant, P/MX 71229; d.24.5.1941 (dsp), KIA WWII while serving on board  
 the battle cruiser HMS Hood ("The Mighty Hood") when she exploded and sank during  
 her duel with German battleship "Bismarck", suffering the loss of her entire crew save three  
 /  
 Commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Hampshire, Panel 57, Column 2;  
 This memorial, on Southsea Common overlooking the promenade, is an obelisk with panels  
 bearing names of 9,500 sailors who d. at sea during WWI with no known grave;  
 Following WWII a walled sunken garden was built, to the landward side of the obelisk,  
 bronze panels recording names of almost 15,000 WWII dead with no known grave;  
 An additional memorial is in the Hood Chapel at ch. of St.John the Baptist, Boldre, Hampshire  
 /  
 m.Apr-Jun.1940 Surrey; Doris Elsie Millen; of Horley, Surrey  
*Doris Elsie Haden-Morris m.2nd Apr-Jun.1947 to Arthur D. Jordan*

/  
 m. 2nd 11.6.1914 (not 26.6.1906)  
 Edmonton, Alberta, Canada  
 (from that date using name *Frank Hayden Morris*)  
 /  
 Elva Louisa Sherwin >>> Mimi Madeline >>>  
 b.6.12.1882 | Morris |  
 Gores Landing, | b.1.7.1915 |  
 Northumberland Co., | Edmonton Alberta; |  
 Ontario; of Smith, | d.21.4.1990 Seattle |  
 Peterborough Co., | / |  
 Co., Ontario 1906 | m.17.8.1935 |>>>  
 / | Jesse Lee Bouchee  
 (dau. of John Richard | b.17.8.1904 Tacoma  
 Sherwin of Edmonton | d.26.6.1983 Seattle  
 & Catharine Dodge,  
 of Gores Landing  
 Co. Ontario, Canada) >> Gracia Yvonne >>>>>>  
 / | Morris  
 Elva's sister Effie E. | b.30.3.1919 (not 20.3.19)  
 Sherwin in 1906 was | Edmonton Alberta;  
 Methodist, perhaps | d.1.3.1995 Seattle,  
 Elva Methodist also | /  
 / | m. James S. Ross  
 d.9.3.1956 |  
 Port Angeles, |  
 Washington, USA; >> Maurine Patricia >>>>>>  
 bur. Holyrood RC | Morris  
 Cem. Seattle | b.7.12.1921 (not 5.12.21)  
 / | Edmonton Alberta;  
 m.3rd c1958 (RC) | d.2.6.1983 Seattle  
 Clara I. <??> | /  
 of Poulsbo, | m. <??>  
 Kitsap Co.  
 Washington; |  
 b.c1883 Kansas; |  
 d.<??>  
 bur. Holyrood RC  
 Cem. Seattle |  
 / |  
 Clara's 2nd marriage;  
 she had m.1st c1906  
 (Joseph) Eugene >>>>>> Robert L. LeBlanc >>>>  
 LeBlanc | b.c1910 Nebraska; |  
 b.c1882 Nebraska; of | d.1980 |  
 Camp Clarke, Morrill, | bur. Holyrood RC |  
 Nebraska 1910 | Cem. Seattle |>>>  
 / | /  
 merchant in clothing | m. Dorothy <??>  
 store 1910; |  
 of 5400 <?> Street, |  
 Seattle, Kings Co., >> Leo M. LeBlanc  
 Seattle 1930; | b.c1913 Nebraska  
 assistant secretary  
 & treasurer at car foundry 1930  
 /  
 d.1954; bur. Holyrood RC Cem., Seattle  
 >> May Isabel Boyd; b.c1876 Presidency of Bombay,  
 India; of Coleshill, Buckinghamshire 1881  
 >> Guy de Gomez Boyd; b.c1878/9 Presidency of  
 Bombay, India; of Coleshill 1881  
 >> Aileen M. Boyd; b.c1880 Presidency of Bombay,  
 India; of Coleshill, Buckinghamshire 1881  
 >> Ivy G. Boyd  
 b.c1883 Coleshill, Buckinghamshire  
 >> Charles T. Boyd  
 b.c1884 Coleshill, Buckinghamshire



>> Mary Graham  
 bapt.18.4.1813 St Saul's Church Wigton  
 she may have died young, or she may be identical with:  
 /  
 >> Mary Graham >>>> >> David Holden >>>> >> William Freeland >>> >> <dau.> Holden  
 b.c1818-19 (born David Graham) | Holden |  
 Wigton, Cumberland; b.2.7.1843 Bolton; | b.3.3.1869 |>> Mary Jane Fletcher Holden; b.24.2.1894; setter at cotton mill 1911; d.1968  
 of Great Bolton, | of Little Bolton, | Little Bolton; |  
 Lancashire 1841-1905 | bapt.6.7.1843 | of Bolton 1911; |>> Arthur Edwin Holden; b.27.9.1896; pieces at cotton mill 1911; d.1953  
 / | Bolton le Moors | greyman at | served in army WWI, Loyal North Lancashire Regt.  
 m.28.5.1844 | / | bleachworks 1911; | joined 11.12.1916 (or 22.2.1916?) Bolton; rejoined 18.9.1917 Preston; demob 1920 (service No.3980  
 Dean, Lancashire | St Peter, Bolton; | d.20.4.1932 |  
 / | Lancashire 1851-81; | Farnworth, Bolton |>> Edward Holden >>> >>>  
 William Holden | Cotton Cloth Packer | / | b.6.2.1899 Bolton;  
 b.c1816 Lancashire; | 1881; | m.3.2.1892 | crofter, at bleach  
 of West Houghton, | d.16.12.1884 Bolton | Catherine Kenyon | works in Bolton 1915  
 Lancashire 1844 | / | Makin | /  
 m.7.7.1867 Bolton; | b.11.6.1872 | served in army WWI,  
 Elizabeth Holmes | d.1.4.1970 | enlisted 30.8.15 age 16  
 b.14.8.1845 | Wigan, Lancashire; | in RAMC St Johns;  
 d.15.5.1902 Bolton | d.15.5.1902 Bolton |>> John Alfred Holden | later joined 7th Reserve Battalion,  
 | | b.12.7.1875 Bolton; | King's Liverpool Regt. (service No.101310);  
 | | of Little Bolton | RFC cadet at Hastings 1918;  
 | | 1881-91; unm. | d.5.3.1983 Tiverton, Devon  
 | |>> Ann Holden | / | m.15.10.1921 Lucy Maud Hotchkins  
 | | b.1878 d.1879 | b.23.7.1899 Ponkey, Denbighshire, Wales;  
 | |>> Alfred Holden; b.12.4.1901 d.1958 | d.22.8.1989 Preston Buyer, Somerset  
 | | m.4.11.1931 Darwen, Lancashire; Eva Haworth; b.4.11.1909 d.?? 1979  
 | |>> Charles Holden; b.4.1.1903 d.21.3.1903  
 | |>> William Holden; b.25.10.1904 d.1978  
 | |>> David Holden; b.23.1.1907 d.1964  
 | |>> Evelyn Holden; b.13.9.1909 d.1.9.1913  
 | |>> Dorothy Holden >>> >>> | b.30.4.1912  
 | | m.25.6.1937 Halliwell, Lancashire; | /  
 | | Arthur Tomlinson; d.2.7.1991 | Arthur Tomlinson; d.2.7.1991  
 |>> Edwin Holmes >>>> >> Elizabeth Holden  
 Holden | b.1904 Bolton  
 b.12.9.1881 Little |  
 Bolton; tailor |>> Norman Holden  
 / | b.1905 Bolton  
 m.Rhoda <??> | b.1882 Bolton  
 b.1882 Bolton  
 >> James Graham >>>> >> Sarah Graham  
 b.2.2.1817 Wigton; | b.1843 d.1897  
 bapt.16.2.17 Wigton |  
 grocer & master |>> Mary Jane Graham  
 shoemaker 1851; | b.1845 d.1923  
 d.7.11.1853 Wigton |  
 bur.11.11.53 Wigton; |>> William Graham >>> FROM ONE OF THESE DESCENDS >>>  
 admin. granted | b.1847  
 11.7.1854 |  
 / |>> Isabella Graham  
 m.18.7.1841 Wigton; | b.1848 d.1912  
 Grace Holmes |  
 b.1818 d.1873 |>> Margaret Graham  
 | b.1852 d.1855  
 |  
 |>> Anne Graham b.1854 d.1926

WILLIAM WYNNE BLENNERHASSETT

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## **BLENNERHASSETT FAMILY BIBLE:**

The family bible of William Wynne Blennerhassett (containing four pages of family record), together with an interesting collection of genealogical papers formed by himself & his family and once owned by his grandson Arthur Blennerhassett Cheyney (1877-1938), are now in the collection of The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, 1305 Locust St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107; catalogued as: "FC/B1 Notes on the Blennerhassett family of Toronto, Pennsylvania and New York"

The Bible record also appears in a MS "Bible Records from Original Bibles at the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa., and from private owners, 1719-1953" by Helen S. Moore.

## NOTE

There was also a "William H. Blennerhassett" of Philadelphia (Upper Delaware Ward) in 1850 (I do not know who this is - see p.U 01)

LAST OF THE ANCIENT FAMILY OF  
BLENNERHASSETT OF CUMBERLAND, ENGLAND

William Wynne Blennerhassett was the last survivor and head of the Cumberland Blennerhassett family, last English representative of the ancient line of Blennerhassett of Flimby, Co.Cumberland; His only son Herman (not Harman) Blennerhassett pre-deceased him leaving one daughter, so at William's death in 1894 the seniority of the family passed to Ireland, to Arthur Blennerhassett of Ballyseedy, Co.Kerry (p.B 14)

At Arthur Blennerhassett's death in 1945 he left three daughters, the seniority passing to Richard John Verdon Blennerhassett of Rockfield & Ballyvegan, Co.Limerick (p.R 10)

**NOTE:** an old established seafood restaurant in the New St. area of Philadelphia is named "Bookbinders".

a 1769 book rebound by "Blennenhassett, New-York"  
"The Controversy Between Great Britain And Her  
Colonies Reviewed; etc" by William Knox,  
London; Printed for J. Almon, 1769  
was recently offered for sale by David L.O'Neal,  
Antiquarian Booksellers Inc in their catalogue 121:

/	/
m.19.10.1834	m.1st 18.6.1867 ( <i>not 10.6.1867</i> ); St.James' Church (Anglican), Toronto, Ontario, Canada (not at Brooklyn, NY)
New Haven, Connecticut, USA;	Caroline "Carrie" Hall ( <i>not Charlotte</i> )
Charlotte Harvey	b.10.9.1838 ...at 8 1/2 am... in England; emig. with her parents to Cleveland, Ohio, USA c1839; of Toronto 1867-69;
b.11.4.1814 (not b.1808)	d.12.6.1869 Toronto; bur. in the Claflen lot, Cleveland Cem.
Long Branch, New Jersey, USA;	bapt. Market Rasen (or Middle Rasen?), Lincolnshire, England;
(dau. of Jediah Harvey & Susan Howland)	/
/	m.2nd 27.5.1874 Isabel C. Bingham
d.10.8.1896; bur. Old First Methodist Church, West Long Branch, Monmouth Co., New Jersey	b.8.8.1849 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA; d.17.10.1931; bur. Ivy Hill Cemetery, Mount Airy, Pennsylvania
	/
	Isabel m.2nd at Philadelphia; Watson(?) Ambruster
	>> Mary Blennerhassett; b.c1839 Pennsylvania
	>> Isabella Blennerhassett; b.c1843 Pennsylvania
	>> Elizabeth Blennerhassett; b.c1846 Pennsylvania

>> Mary Ann Blennerhassett;  
bapt.18.3.1810 with her brother William Wynne Blennerhassett (perhaps twins?)  
at their parent's home, by the Rector of St.Luke's Old Street, Finsbury

>> Isabella Maria Blennerhassett; bapt.28.1.1816 (twin) St.Luke's Old Street;  
/

m.1st 25.1.1838 St.Martin-in-the-fields, London; Andrew MacLagan (Macklagan)
/
m.2nd Frederick Bushill; annuitant in 1854-9 (from mother-in-law)

>> James Blennerhassett; bapt.28.1.1816 (twin) St.Luke's Old Street

>> Robert >>>>>>>	>> Clara Ann >>>>>>	>> Clarissa Louise Abraham
Blennerhassett / b.3.7.1817 Finsbury, London; bapt.27.8.1817 St.Luke's Old Street, Finsbury, London; d.cMar1874 London /	Blennerhassett b.14.7.1853 Wood St.Brompton, Gillingham, Kent (later records say b. Aldershot, Hants where her father was an army cook)	b.27.7.1871 at 27 Debeauvoir Crescent, Hoxton Old Town, London / m.30.7.1895 Holy Trinity Ch. Islington, London Gaston Francois Jesef Pique b.c1870; son of Francois Pique, Clerk
in 1841 a journey(man?) of Moorgate St., London; (parish of St.Stephen, Coleman Street); annuitant in 1854-9 (from his mother, Anne) / Confectioner, of St.Paul's, Deptford, Kent 1852 (visitor at 126 St.John St. at date of 1851 census) / Cook in Royal Engineers' Mess 1853; Cook & confectioner 1871 of 27 de Beauvoir Crescent, St.Leonard Shoreditch, London 1871 / / m.1st 8.12.1847 at the Parish Church, Chatham, Kent	m.17.4.1871 St.Hilda's Church (C.of E.), Hartlepool, Co.Durham; Robert Charles Abraham (not Robert E. Ab.) b.c1846/8 Marylebone, London d.Jan-Mar.1882 Lambeth, London / Dramatic & Musical Agent, Dancing Teacher / of 17 Prince's Street, Brighton, Sussex 1871; Lodging House Keeper; of 24 Bedford Sq. Brighton 1881 / son of James Abraham, gentleman / m.2nd 1886 Islington, London; Joseph Eastwood Kitchen b.c1841/2 Leeds, Yorkshire; Provision Broker/Agent at Islington, London 1891 Lodging House Keeper 1901; of 5 Tisbury Road, Hove, Sussex 1901-1918; d.1918 Hove, Sussex / (this was his 2nd marriage; he m.1st Ellen <???> and had three children, perhaps m. at Dublin as their 1st two children were born there; their 3rd child Ellen Maud Kitchen was b.c1878 France)	>> (James) Robert >>>>>Florence Constance :>>> Abraham (b. James Robert A. but m. as Robert James A. and was known by this name) / b.17.7.1879 Brighton; electrician / m.Apr-Jun.1905 Islington, London; Hepzibah Florence Herring b.8.3.1880 Islington, London; bookkeeper / m.21.2.1942 Guildford, Surrey; James Alexander >>> Balchin b.1904 Guildford (his 2nd m.)
Kezia Augusta Lewis b.13.1.1828 Kent (dau. of William & Elizabeth Lewis) of Maidstone, Kent 1841, then residing with Mrs Moran, tailorress d.bef.1852; perhaps(?) identical with Kezia Lewis b.c1829 d.cDec1875 Bridge, Kent / / m.2nd 10.8.1852 St.Pauls Church Deptford (Greenwich), London; Elizabeth Sarah Bushell b.c1830/37 Wingham, Canterbury, Kent; d.cMar1897 Steyning, Sussex / Confectioner, of St.Paul's, Deptford, London 1852 Dressmaker , "visitor" at 2 Grove Road, Islington, London at the date of the 1881 census	?	>> William Henry Robert Blennerhassett b.cSep 1856 Dover, Kent d.cDec 1859 West London



**MRS PRIMROSE (see page W 02 above)**

The Irish newspaper ["*Clare Journal*" 14.12.1809], [GM December 1809, vol.79, part 2, p.1180] and ["*The London Review and Literary Journal*" Dec.1809, p.47] each published similar obituaries for Isabella Blennerhassett (W 02) in which is stated that she was "a near relative" of the playwright & poet, Dr. Oliver Goldsmith, and that her mother, the wife of James Primrose of Alverstone, Hampshire, had been the inspiration for the character Mrs. Primrose in his novel "*The Vicar of Wakefield*".

**The novel has three characters named "Mrs Primrose" :**

1. Deborah, wife of Rev. Dr. Charles Primrose, Vicar of Wakefield
2. Arabella Wilmot, wife of their eldest son Capt. George Primrose
3. Miss Flamborough, wife of their second son Moses Primrose

Nowhere in biographies or studies of Goldsmith is it suggested that the Primrose family, principal characters of his novel *The Vicar of Wakefield*, were based on real people named Primrose, perhaps Goldsmith's own relatives;

**This is worthy of further investigation..**

**See Oliver Goldsmith's family tree on (W 10)**

## Fictional characters from "The Vicar of Wakefield", 1766:

Rev. Dr Charles Primrose >>>>>>>>> 1 | Capt. George Primrose;  
Vicar of Wakefield | edu. Oxford; went to Holland  
/ | went to Holland to teach  
m. Deborah | English; joined the army  
| /  
| m. Arabella Wilmot,  
| daughter of "Mr Wilmot"  
|  
2|>> Olivia "Livy" Primrose  
| /  
| m. Squire Ned Thornhill;  
| villain of the story;  
| nephew of Sir William Thornhill  
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3|>> Sophia "Sophy" Primrose  
| /  
| m. Sir William Thornhill, Bart.  
| alias "Mr Burchell"  
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4|>> Moses Primrose  
| /  
| m. Miss Flamborough  
|  
5|>> Dick Primrose  
|  
6|>> Bill Primrose

>> Benjamin Mason >>> Mary Eliza Goldsmith; b.6.10.1822  
| Goldsmith |  
| b.26.11.1798 | >> Martha Elizabeth Goldsmith; b.23.12.1823  
| Annapolis Royal, |  
| New Brunswick; | >> Henry Goldsmith; b.29.10.1825  
| Magistrate; |  
| d.15.2.1884 Perrot, | >> Thomas G.; b.23.7.1828 d.1912 bur. Perrot  
| Perrot, Nova Scotia; |  
| bur. Perrot Cem. | >> Catherine Goldsmith; b.22.1.1832  
| / |  
| m.6.12.1821 | >> Charles Henry Goldsmith  
| Eliza Powell |  
| d.22.1.1885; | >> Frances Goldsmith  
| of Richibucto, |  
| New Brunswick | >> Hugh Colville Goldsmith  
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| | >> Oliver William Goldsmith; b.10.4.1830  
| |  
| | >> George Edward Goldsmith  
| |  
| | >> Margaret Olivia Goldsmith; m.1863 James Abraham Spurr  
| |  
| | >> Benjamin Mason Goldsmith  
| |  
>> Mary Goldsmith  
b.10.7.1800 d.10.9.1800