

m.c.1423 Joanna "Joan" (or Jane) de Lowdham
b.c.1409/10 (not c.1404)
she being aged 14 years at her father's i.p.m.

1423/4 (2 Henry VI) [NI] & [MORIARTY/1 p.275]

dau. & sole heir of John de Lowdham (N 26) inheriting the manor of Loudham (Loudham Hall) Pettistree, Suffolk; the manor of Frenze (Frenze Hall), Diss, Norfolk; part of the manor of Boylands, Scole (half in Norfolk, half Suffolk); the manor of Kelvedon (Kelvedon Hall) in Great Braxted, Essex; Toddendam, Suffolk; & Halvergate, Suffolk

Joan de Lowdham was widow of Thomas de Heveningham (Hevenyngham) who d.c.1422/3 (dsp) whom she had m.1st est.c.1422 (at aged est. c.13 yrs)

Joan de Blenerhayset (nee de Lowdham) d.20.6.1501 (date is from transcription of monumental brass in Frenze church as described by ANSTIS [G.6 folio 39]; this brass had gone by [BLOMEFIELD]'s time, but he quoted the date from [ANSTIS]

[MORIARTY/1 p.275] says her i.p.m. in Essex is 12.10.1501 (17 Henry VII), which agrees with above date of death, but I have also seen a reference to her i.p.m. being 15 Hen. VII, vol.2 p.290 (467-9), i.e. 1499-1500 (must check this i.p.m...)

Joan is bur. in Frenze St.Andrew ch., probably under one of two indented grave-slabs at the west end of the church, just inside the door, their brasses & inscriptions missing for many years; the second indented grave-slab is believed to be that of her son or g.son John Blennerhasset, who d.27.3.1514 (N 1)

bur. in Frenze church, brass on floor in the choir; effigy in full armour with 4 shields:

1. Blennerhasset

2. Blennerhasset

3. Quarterly:

1st & 4th B'hasset

2nd Lowdham

3rd Orton

4. Orton (not BH !!!)

impaling Heigham

m.1st c.1460

Jane Heigham

[MORIARTY/1] names her Margaret) b.c.1446; d.c.1472 dau. of Thomas Heigham (Higham) of Heigham Green, Gazeley, Suffolk; bur. Gazeley Church, a black marble table tomb in nave; brass & inscription are lost but has two shields:

1. Quarterly:

1st Blennerhasset

2nd & 3rd: Lowdham

4th Orton;

impaling Heigham

quartering Francis

2. Quarterly:

1st & 4th: B'hasset

2nd: Orton (now lost)

3rd: Lowdham

John Blenerhayset

m.2nd

bef.26.3.1473

Jane (Joan) Tyndal

b.<???

d.6.10.1521 Frenze;

of Deene, Northants

also of Redenhall & Hockwold, Norfolk

for this marriage follow line down to (N 25)

1]>>> Sir Thomas >>>>>>>> 1]>>> Blenerhayset, Knt b.c.1461 (aged 49 yrs when father d.1510); first of Loudham, Suffolk, later of Frenze, Norfolk

at his father's death he succeeded to the manors of Frenze, Loudham, part of Boylands; Kelvedon (Keldey, Kelden) & other Essex lands

Sir Thomas BH & his sons served the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Dukes of Norfolk; Sir Thomas BH was minister (Steward of the Household) to 2nd Duke (also 1st Earl of Surrey, d.1524) & 3rd Duke (d.1554) from before 1513 until his death in 1531

Auditor of accounts for Framlingham (not Rawlingham) Castle, Suffolk

1530/1(22 Hen.VIII) home to the Dukes of Norfolk (N 1);

he is mentioned in the 1512 Will of John de Vere, Earl of Oxford

Sir Thomas's eldest son George BH lived at Kenninghall, also a seat of DoN, so may have served them; Sir Thomas's 2nd son Rev. Thomas BH (N 4) was Chaplain to the 3rd Duke in 1538;

Sir Thomas BH's 3rd son John BH (N 5) was minister (treasurer & legal adviser) to 3rd Duke (d.1554) and 4th Duke (executed for treason

1572); two of John's children served the Earl & Countess of Arundel (N 9);

John Howard, the 1st Duke, and his son Thomas Howard

2]>> Edward (not Edmund) >>>>>> Blennerhasset; fl.1528 d.c.1540 (of Norwich St.Paul ?) 1540;

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The 2nd Duke d.1524

>>>> George Blennerhasset >>>>>>>> (alias Hasset); b.<???

b.c.1501 [BIFR p.133]

MORANT vol.2 p.153 indicates it was his younger step-brother brother Thomas BH (N 2) who was b.c.1501, giving as source their father's i.p.m. 1531/2 (23 Hen.VIII), but cannot be so...

of Kenninghall, Scole & Stuston, etc in Norfolk; also Corringham, Essex; held Frenze & the part of Boylands from 1531

resided at Kenninghall, a seat of the Dukes of Norfolk

(probably employed by them but no evidence)

The manor of Loudham (Loudham Hall), Pettistree, Suffolk, was settled on George at the time of his 1st marriage

d.14.2.1543/4 (35 Hen.VIII); Will pr.1544 [NRO NCC register Cooke ff.267-270]; i.p.m. Norfolk 10.10.1544 (36 Hen.VIII) [NA C142/70/13, E150/644/1, WARD7/1/137];

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m.2nd Margaret Jernegan (Jarnegan, Jerningham, Jermyn); of Somerleyton & of Mutford, both nr Lowestoft, Suffolk; fl.1543; of Ranworth, Norfolk when she d.1559 (dsp); Will dated 13.6.1559 pr.1559 [NCC]; dau. of Edward Jernegan & sister of Sir George Jernegan; Margaret gained the manor of Frenze following death of her husband George BH in 1543/4; she m.2nd Robert Holdiche (d.1558) of Ranworth, Norfolk; [NA Ms. C 1/386/24] has: "George, son of Thomas Blennerhasset v. Richard Broke, Knt, and others, feoffees to uses.... "refusal to convey the manor of Loudham by Wickham

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Mary Blennerhasset b.c.1517/18 (of "full age", 26yrs or more, at her father's i.p.m. 9.10.1544); sole dau. & heir of her father George Blennerhasset; she gained the manor of Loudham, Pettistree and also the Blennerhasset family portion of the manor of Boylands on her father's death 14.2.1543/4 (35 Henry VIII); described as "of Loudham" 1571-1587; held the Manor of Frenze on the death of her step-mother Margaret in 1559; and the manor of Ellwell Hall from 1st husband when he d.1572; she d.17.9.1587 (dsp); [COTMAN] has correct date; [BLOMEFIELD vol.1 p.144] has 7.9.1587 in error, repeated by [DAVY], [HICKSON/OKR vol.1] & [BROWNE]

She is bur. in Frenze church; her brass, erected by her cousins John BH (N 9) & John Cornwallis, has no effigy but describes her as "viduae, piae, castae, hospitali, benignae"; her brass is designed in several pieces, a lozenge, a large Blennerhasset crest, and four shields with arms of Blennerhasset, Covert, Culpepper & Bacon with their quarterings; The pieces comprising Mary BH Bacon's brass are reused from an earlier monument, the reverse being a substantial part of an early 15th century effigy of an unknown academic; Another monumental brass at Pettistree, Suffolk, depicts effigies of her 2nd husband Francis Bacon with both his wives, and states that he had had "noe issue" by Mary BH

All lands inherited by Mary from her father were, by Will of her g.father Sir Thomas BH, entailed "to the heirs male of his body", so had to pass to the heirs of her uncle John BH of Barsham, Suffolk, who d.1573 (N 2); Following Mary's death in 1587, the portion of Boylands manor reverted to her cousin John BH (N 9), son of her uncle John BH; During her lifetime Mary gave Frenze to her 2nd husband Francis Bacon (who pre-deceased her) for his life, jointly with his son (but not her son) Edmund Bacon of Harleston; George Blennerhasset (N 9), a brother of her cousin John Blennerhasset (N 10), held Frenze in 1587; Samuel BH Sr (N 5) of Loudham, Suffolk & Frenze, Norfolk resided at Loudham bef.1591-c.1615, probably until his death in 1625, and was patron of Frenze Rectory 1618; His sons Samuel Blennerhasset Jr & Edward Blennerhasset (N 8) in 1636 sold Frenze out of the family to Richard Nixon; Samuel Blennerhasset Jr appears to have sold Loudham Hall out of the BH family in 1627, to Sir Henry Wood;

An inventory of her goods at Loudham, made Sept.1587 immediately following her death, is at [NRO Ms. DN/INV3/115 "Inventory of Mary Bacon widow of Loudham 1587"]

m.1st bef.1544 (m.est.c.1535) Thomas Culpepper; b.c.1498/9; d.?9.1572 (dsp), bur.22.9.1572 Pettistree; Will dated 10(12?)4.1571, pr.4.11.1572 [PCC]; "lately of Bysshe Court, Kent"; of Loudham Hall, Pettistree, Suffolk 1571; son of Richard Culpepper of Wakehurst Place, Ardingley, West Sussex [BDEB Culpeper, Bt] & Joanna Naylor; his brother William Culpepper & wife were living there with him in 1571; Thomas Culpepper bequeathed the manor of Ellwell Hall to his widow and "...to the right worshipful Mr. John Blennerhasset, esq., treasurer with the mighty prince Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, £20..."; also "to my wife's godson Richard Blennerhasset, one of the sons of the said John Blennerhasset, my two marshes in Orford and Gedgrave...."

m.2nd 23.5.1573 Pettistree; [VoS/1561 p.358] & [BIFR p.133] have m.24.5.1573 ; Francis Bacon of Hessett, Suffolk; b.c.1517 s. of Edmund Bacon; he pre-deceased his wife Mary (as his son Edmund Bacon probably also did, but Edmund not bur. at Pettistree); either Francis Bacon or his son Edmund resided at Easterford Hall, Kelvedon 1580/1 (23 Eliz. 1); Francis Bacon (jointly with his son Edmund Bacon of Harleston) was in 1573 granted by his 2nd wife Mary Blenerhayset use of the manor of Frenze, for life; Francis Bacon had m.1st Elizabeth Cotton of Barton, Suffolk & by her had a dau. Elizabeth Bacon; he d.13.12.1580 bur. Pettistree, Suffolk (but not in burial register); His monumental brass on the chancel wall of Pettistree church depicts his effigy with that of both his wives, and states that he had "noe issue" by Mary Blennerhasset; he is shown im "in civil dress" (a gown) with both his wives; the inscription states he had "noe issue" by Mary BH, so mother of his son Edmund Bacon is unknown; the brass shields are missing; Mediaeval Loudham Hall was rebuilt in 16th C., perhaps c1580 (year of Francis' death); a complete new wing, as large as the original house, was added c1750; Grade II listed

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[BLOMEFIELD vol. ? p.224 "Hundred of Giltcross"] followed by [BIFR p.133] give George Blennerhasset a 3rd marriage to <???) L'Estrange, but not so; There is no evidence for this, and his 2nd wife Margaret outlived him...

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m. Anne Cobbe; of Sandringham, Norfolk; dau. of Geoffrey Cobb;

widow of Richard Dade of Witton, Norfolk (there are two villages named Witton in Norfolk); NOTE: The DADE family appear in Magna Carta

N 3 she died aged c91/92 yrs / /
[ANSTIS] gave no age; / /
[BLOMEFIELD vol.1 p.141] / /
gives her age in error as / /
97 yrs, i.e. b.c1404; he / /
offers no evidence for this / /
age, but others copied him) / /

Further notes on Ralph Blenerhayset (N 1)

"...a name to start a hare..."
a comment on the name and person of Ralph de Blenerhayset of Frenze is in a letter from Sir John Paston (II) to John Paston (III) Esq (two brothers, sons of John P. I) date 2.4.1473 as follows:

"...Raff Blaundrehasset [name underlined!] were a name to styrte an hare. I warant the[r] shall come no suche name in owre bokys nere in owre howse, it myght par case styrt xxti harys at onys. 'Ware that', quod Perse."
("Ralfe Blennerhassett is a name to start a hare. I say there shall come no such name in our books, or in our house, it might perhaps start 20 hares at once! beware that stingy fellow")
[DAVIS vol.1 pp.456-7 #273] [GARDNER vol. 3 pp.81-3] [MORIARTY/1 pp.275-6]; a second Blennerhassett ref. is in [DAVIS pp.589-90 #361]

HD 1538/297/20 (28.11.1437) in Iveagh (Phillipps) Mss. at Suffolk Record Off. Ipswich, reveals:
"...Richard Alrede, sheriff of Essex appoints John Wynburgh, Thomas Mason & Michael Derby, bailiffs, to arrest William Loudham esq., next in blood to Joan Loudham, daughter of John Loudham, esq., deceased, convey him to Hertford gaol and bring him before the King on the Octave of Purification on charge of outlawry at suit of Ralph Blenerhayset of Karhill [Carlisle], gent. for £100..."

In May 1428, Sir Thomas Parr and Ralph BH, then of Suffolk, committed by mainprise to John Broughton esquire, the keeping of five messuages, five bovates of land and ten acres of meadow in the township of Skelton, a burgage in Carlisle and a quit rent of 13s 4d a year from another burgage in Carlisle

Ralph de Blenerhayset (d.1475) was buried in the chancel of St.Andrew the Apostle at Frenze, as requested in his will; his monumental brass effigy shows him with a lion at his feet, wearing what has been described "the armour of Agincourt", but Agincourt was in 1415 (MEE, SAF)

The tomb has four brass shields (1 mutilated):
1. BH (with an annulet) quartering Orton
2. Blennerhassett impaling Lowdham
3. Blennerhassett impaling Lowdham
4. Lowdham
[BLOMEFIELD v.1 p.142]

His brass was stolen (post1816) and broken into three pieces for scrap metal, but was later found in a curio shop & restored to the church

Rev.Thomas Kerrich (1748-1828), librarian for the University of Cambridge made a drawing of the brass [BL Add. Mss. 6728 f217]; from the drawing he made an engraving, closely following the original drawing but the inscription is positioned differently; prints from this engraving exist

>> Jane (Joan) Blennerhassett (dsp); [BIFR p.133] names her Mary
m. John Meux of Kingston, Isle of Wight; son of Sir William Meux [BDEB Meux Bt]

>> Elizabeth Blennerhassett; d.11.1.1513 (d. young); bur. in church of St.John the Baptist, Wonersh, Surrey; her brass, behind the chancel rail and c1904 set into a new marble floor, has an inscription in latin, for:

"Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Blenerhayset, Steward of the Household of the most noble Duke of Norfolk, died 11-Jan-1513"; a rubbing signed F.G. dated 1923 is at [Ashmolean Museum, ref: Surrey 5/3]; Her father not yet named "Sir" Thomas Blenerhayset, therefore he was knighted (probably by the DoN) subsequent to this date, after the 2nd Duke was restored to his title 1.2.1513/14 as reward for victory at Flodden on 9.9.1513; The DoN owned some property within Wonersh and all of the adjacent manor of Bramley, so the Blenerhaysets may have resided at Wonersh or Bramley;
NOTE: The ancient manor of Tanglely or Great Tanglely, a 13th century moated manor house, is at Wonersh but was originally a parcel of Bramley;
Also at Wonersh were the smaller manors Little Tanglely, Halldish, Losterford & Rowleys; The present "Bramley Manor" is 17th century, "East Manor" at Bramley is 16th century;
At Arundel Castle Archives are two letters discussing this brass, from Cowley Lambert 29.11.1906 to DoN [Arundel EM 3060 & EM 3061], and from College of Arms to the DoN 28.12.1906 [Arundel EM 3062]

Knighted at some date after 11.1.1513, as [NA Ms. E 210/9421 dated 1511/12] mentions "Thomas Blennerhassett, esquire", and the brass of his daughter Elizabeth Blennerhassett who d.11.1.1513 does not yet name him as Sir Thomas; probably for his service to the Duke as minister and steward of the household; there is no record of Thomas BH fighting with the Duke at Bosworth in 1485 when he would have been aged 24 yrs. or with the Earl of Surrey at <??>>
The Duchess of Norfolk and Sir Thomas Blenerhayset were named as joint executors of the 2nd Duke's Will dated 31.5.1520 (12 Hen VIII), but in Thomas Blennerhassett's own Will of 30.6.1528 he "...renounsyd and clearly refusyd..." to administer the 2nd Duke's estate, and lifted that responsibility from his own executors

Sir Thomas Blennerhassett, Knt d.27.6.1531 (23 Hen.VIII), date from monumental brass; [BLOMEFIELD vol.1 on p.141] gives correct date but [BLOMEFIELD p.142] has d.17.6.1531 also d. 33 Henry VIII (1541), both in error; [MORAN v.2 p.153] [MORIARTY/1 p.277] and the Frenze church guide [FCG], have d.17.6.1531 & others have d.17.6.1541, both misled by [BLOMEFIELD]; bur. in St.Andrew's Church, Frenze; this is an exceptionally fine effigy, in full armour with sword, dagger, gauntlets & spurs, wearing surcoat or tabard of arms, with Quarterly: 1st BH (with annulet for difference), 2nd Lowdham, 3rd Orton, 4th Kelvedon; his head rests on a helmet, with BH family crest, a wolf passant

There were also four shields of arms:
1. Quarterly: 1st & 4th Blennerhassett (annulet for difference); 2nd & 3rd Orton, impaling quarterly: 1st & 4th Lowdham, 2nd & 3rd Kelvedon
2. Quarterly: 1st & 4th Blennerhassett, 2nd & 3rd Lowdham; impaling Heigham
3. Quarterly: 1st Blennerhassett, 2nd Lowdham, 3rd Orton, 4th Kelvedon; impaling Braham (with a crescent for difference)
4. Quarterly: 1st BH, 2nd Lowdham, 3rd Orton, 4th Kelvedon; impaling Sutton, Baron Dudley

His portrait brass was at Frenze in 1816 when COTMAN made his drawing, but was later stolen, leaving only the inscription; said to have been recovered at Munich in 1820 & acquired by one of BH family (perhaps Sir Rowland BH, Bart., b.1839 d.1909, whose wife came from Munich, p.K 36) whose descendant restored it to the church; the portrait brass (or perhaps a modern copy?) has been reunited with the inscription and beautifully set into a polished wood panel mounted on S. chancel wall; a rubbing from his brass is in [NRO, PD 476/17]; the pre-1996 church guide booklet [SAF] claimed that after being stolen the effigy was "broken into 3 pieces for scrap metal & was later found in a curio shop", but that happened to a different brass at Frenze, that of his g.father Ralph Blennerhassett (N 2) which was also stolen and this was broken into three pieces as described before being recovered and restored to the church

i.p.m. 23.10.1531 (23 Hen.VIII) at NA Norfolk: C142/52/9, E150/633/2; Suffolk: C142/52/63, E150/633/3 (but original Ms. marked 4, not 3); Essex C142/52/49 (MORANT vol.2 p.153; DAVY f.353); at SRO (Phillipps MS No. 18651: HD 1538/297/37) is a copy (dated 1638) of his i.p.m. of 23.10.1531

Sir Thomas Blennerhassett's Will dated 30.6.1528 (20 Henry VIII), codeciled dated 23.6.1531 (23 Henry VIII); It is not clear how or when his Will was proved, as it is not in any standard format for the registered copy of a [PCC] Will, and the end does not read like a standard court probate, having no "probatum"; the dates 2.8.1531 & 23.10.1531 that appear in a latin section towards the end of the Will, are after his death so may perhaps indicate probate; NA "Documents-on-line" states that Sir Thomas' Will (PCC, 17 Thower - NA, PROB 11/24, Image 172) was proved "July 1532"; Sir Thomas BH's Will [PCC, 17 Thower] immediately follows that of his half-brother John Blennerhassett [PCC, 16 Thower - NA, PROB 11/24, Image 169, pr.29.7.1532] and immediately preceeds that of William Fuller, otherwise William Cowper [PCC, 18 Thower - NA, PROB 11/24, Image 173, pr.1.8.1532] so it may well have been proved between 29.7.1532 & 1.8.1532; The PCC "Probate Act Book" [PAB, NA PROB 8/1] which should contain a record of every grant of probate made by the PCC, lists the probate of John BH's Will, but not of Sir Thomas Blennerhassett's Will

m.1st Jane Sutton

dau. of <??> Sutton; of the family of "Sutton, Baron Dudley", she bearing their arms "two lions rampant or passant" [BDEP Baron Dudley]; "cousin-german to Lady Surrey" [SRO HD 1538/297/21 dated 24.1.1492] from "cousin-germain", then meaning "closely akin" (in more modern times a 1st cousin)

"Lady Surrey" in 1492 was Elizabeth Tydney (d.4.4.1497), wife of Thomas Howard, 1st Earl of Surrey (cr.1483) and later 2nd Duke of Norfolk (from 1514)

NOTE: There was a Jane Sutton, brother of Edmund Sutton, dau. of Richard Sutton alias Dudley of Yeawith & Dorothy Sandford of Askam [BDEP 1883 p.521] - not known if this is she

Margaret Braham's mother...

Dame Joan Braham (nee Reydon) d.18.11.1519 (some sources have her d.10.11.1519 in error); she is also buried in St.Andrew's church, Frenze, where on the floor of the nave she has a monumental brass effigy, shown "bidding her beads" and wearing the dress of a vowess or religious votary, i.e. a widow who has vowed not to remarry

m.2nd

Margaret Braham >>>3> (not Mary)

dau. of John Braham of Brahams, Wetheringsett, Suffolk and Joanna "Joan" Reydon (see N 5)

from her husband she inherited for her lifetime the manor of Frenze, Norfolk & manor of Kelvedon Essex, plus other lands at Kelvedon, Abrakestede, Juworth, Messinge & Frynge, all Essex

with her son John Blennerhassett (N 5) was executor 1544 for Will of Sir John Cornwallis, Knt (N 7) in 1544 whose Will bequeathed her as "my Lady Hassett" "my gilt cup with the cover that has two <??> and an antique boy with a shield in his hand upon the cover..." (some sources show in error the cup left to his dau. Eliz. BH)

In 1554 she was bequeathed, by Agnes Hals of Bury St.Edmonds, a gilt goblet and a sable

she d.23.7.1561

bur. in Frenze church, Norfolk, on unusually large marble slab, 9 x 4.5 ft Her monumental brass has inscription and three shields (one shield mutilated, one lost):
The shields are:
1. Braham impaling Reydon (mutilated)
2. 1st & 6th BH
2nd Lowdham
3rd Kelvedon
4th Orton (Cumb.)
5th Skelton (Cumb.)
all impaling Braham;
3. is missing

Her son John BH inherited from her some lands at "...Brahams in Wetheringsett..."

Rev.Thomas Blennerhassett, MA, b.c1509 (aged 11 in May 1520); however, the i.p.m. for his father Sir Thomas Blennerhassett, Knt is said to have him b.c1501, as aged 30yrs on his father's death in 1531 [i.p.m. 1531/2, 23 Hen. VIII] [MORANT vol.2 p.153] [DAVY f.353]; [BIFR p.133] states it was Rev. Thomas BH's elder bro. George BH who was b.c1501, which seems more probable, *need to verify the i.p.m.*;

d.c1544/5, shortly bef.5.2.1544/5 when his successor at Lichfield was instituted [DCL/REG14 book 4, register Sampson, f.46 at LRO B/A/1/14 iv f.46] [FASTI 1300-1541 p.8] [FASTI/2 p.16; SC p.26]

In 1519 Thomas BH, a scholar, petitioned Pope Leo X at Rome for dispensation to be appointed Commendator (being aged too young to be Rector) for the parish of Hardingham, Norfolk (Diocese of Norwich); This petition was granted by a bull of papal dispensation issued 2.4.1519 (ASV Reg. Suppl. 1651, f.48r-v) when he was "aged under 11 years"; appointed Commendator of Hardingham 11.5.1520 (presented by Thomas, Earl of Arundel), having by then reached 11 yrs, the age required to become a minor cleric; his petition is in the [ASV]; a copy of the bull is also in [ASV Lateran Registers 1384, f.259r-v]; another copy of the bull is in [NRO DN/REG 9 book 14, register Nykke, f.159r-v] following immediately after the record of institution at Hardingham on [f.158v]; see [BLOMEFIELD vol.10 p.227] & [DEWS p.110]; The record of institution and the bull is also recorded on microfilm at [NRO MF512]

Anne P. Fuller of Cambridge Univ., who since 1972 has been editing [CEPR] for the [IMC], has in 2008 researched this bull for her forthcoming CEPR vol.21 (Leo X, Lateran registers, part 2, calander entry 340); until ordained priest in 1534 Thomas Blennerhassett would have needed to engage a vicar or chaplain to serve the parish of Hardingham or of any other benefice he held; Thomas resigned Hardingham in 1523, aged 14, to be replaced by Rev. William Hogeson, chaplain, installed as Rector of Hardingham 17.10.1523 (DN/REG9 book 14, register Nykke, f.183 at NRO) and may perhaps already have been chaplain there; Anne Fuller tells me the papal dispensation permitted Thomas to hold the benefice "in commendam" (as Commendator) until he reached 18 yrs, he in effect acting as trustee for the benefice during that period; under the dispensation, to hold Hardingham he needed only to be a cleric (i.e. be tonsured & appointed to one or more of minor clerical orders, Ostiarius, Lector, Exorcist & Acolyte); These called minor orders because perpetual celibacy was not a requirement; on reaching age 18, and having received all four minor orders, he could become Subdeacon and thus be entitled to hold a benefice "in titulum", as Rector

Thomas was instituted as Rector of St.Alphege, Solihull, Warwickshire (Diocese of Lichfield) on 1.5.1527, aged 18yrs, while still a minor cleric, not an ordained priest; this was following the death of incumbent Walter Walmer (or Wulmer); Thomas' patron for the benefice was his father, Sir Thomas BH; the Lord of manor of Solihull 1524-28 was Sir Thomas' employer, Thomas Howard, 1st Earl of Surrey, who became 2nd Duke of Norfolk in 1524 & in 1528 sold manor of Solihull to Sir George Throckmorton [DCL/REG14 book 2, register Blythe, f.12v at LRO B/A/1/14 ii f.12v], [VENN part I, p.166], [DUGDALE vol.2, p.943], SC pp.26, 68-69, 131] [LIPKIN p.57]; between 1523 & 1532/3 Thomas Blennerhassett was being educated at Cambridge (MA 1532/3), he employing a vicar to minister to the parish at Solihull 1527-1534;

Dispensation was given at Canterbury on 19.5.1534 to "Thomas BH, acolyte, of Norwich Diocese" to take holy orders [FOR p1, register Vv, f.1r]; ordained both Deacon & Priest at Norwich 1.6.1534, the year of the "Act of Supremacy" [NRO Ordination Register DN/ORR 1/1]; [VENN part I, p.166], he then becoming parish priest at Solihull, where he was already Rector; Thomas continued as priest at Solihull until 1539, [SC p.68] telling us "His name was evidently inscribed in the original [Solihull Parish] Register provided in 1538, and was copied on to p.11 of vol.1 of the existing registers, where it occurs after the Baptisms for 1561"; this inscription dated 6.11.1538 is transcribed in [SC p.131];

Thomas continued as Rector of Solihull until d. shortly bef.5.2.1544/5 [DCL/REG14 book 4, register Sampson, f.46 at LRO B/A/1/14 iv f.46] but did not serve as priest there after 1539, from which date he appears to have employed John Howman, DD (a.k.a. John Feckenham, formerly Benedictine monk from Evesham Abbey) as vicar at Solihull [SC pp.26, 68], himself returning to Norfolk as Rector of Bressingham; Thomas Blennerhassett leaving Solihull and John Howman arriving there in the year 1539 rather than 1544 derives from: a) 1539 being the year John Howman's Abbey of Evesham was dissolved [SC p.68] and b) a document (transcribed as "Deed No.97" in [SC pp.198-205]) written by Howman 1548,while a prisoner at the Tower of London, in which he states he had been Vicar of Solihull for ten years [SC p.200];

Painted on the backs of churchwardens' stalls at Solihull is a list of Rectors, inc."Thomas Blenerhayset (or Hassell) 1527 to 1544"; these dates were taken from [SC p.26], which took them from [DUGDALE vol.2 p.943]; "Hassell" is transcribing error for "Hassett", made at 1817 printing of [VE temp. Hen.VIII", vol.3 p.79], which lists "Thomas Hassell" as Rector of Solihull, c1535

Chaplain to 3rd Duke of Norfolk 1538 (until his death in 1544/5 ?); on 15.1.1537/8 at Canterbury he was granted dispensation to hold another benefice, in addition to Chaplaincy of DoN & Rectory of Solihull [FOR p.119, Reg. VV f.173r]; on 30.1.1537/8 instituted as Precentor (senior cleric responsible for direction of choral services) of Lichfield Cathedral & Prebendary (non-residential Canon) of Bishops Itchington following d. of Thomas Heritage [DCL/CAB book 4, Bishop Lee, f.118v & LRO D30/2/1/4 f.118v microfiche 4 of 6], [FASTI/3 p.8; FASTI 1541-1857 p.16], [SC p.68]; [LIPKIN p.98] has 29.1.1537/8 in error); on leaving Solihull he was instituted 23.11.1539 as Rector of Bressingham, Norfolk, 3m. from family seat at Frenze [NRO DN/REG 11 book 17, register Nix, f.56] [BLOMEFIELD vol.1 p.65] [VENN part I, p.166]

Thomas BH held all 3 benefices until his death shortly bef.5.2.1544/5; following this John Howman, DD, of Feckenham (a.k.a. John Feckenham), TB's vicar at Solihull since 1539, was instituted as Rector of Solihull on 17.3.1544/5 (DCL/REG14 book 4, register Sampson, f.41 at LRO B/A/1/14 iv f.41; SC pp.68 & 200); Hugh Palmer was appointed Precentor of Lichfield & Prebendary of Bishops Itchington 5.2.1544/5 [DCL/REG14 book 4, register Sampson, f.46 at LRO B/A/1/14 iv f.46]; Ralph Fenne instituted as Rector of Bressingham by Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Cant. 17.12.1545 [LPL Cranmer's Register f.397v]

NOTE: Rev.Thomas Blennerhassett is described in error as "Prebendary of Lichfield" in [VENN part I, p.166] and in [BIFR p.133]

NOTE: [MORANT p.153] suggests Rev. Thomas Blennerhassett may perhaps have been his father's heir, but expresses doubts (he was right to doubt this, the heir was his elder half-brother George BH - N 1)

NOTE: [DAVY f.353] & his [BOK p.38] considers Samuel BH Sr of Loudham, Frenze & Kelvedon (N 8) to be son of Rev. Thomas BH, but not so, dates do not fit, and no evidence for Rev. Thomas BH marrying

NOTE:**[PCC Administrations 1581-1595]** lists

Edward Blennerhassett of St.Sepulchre, London with administration 1593, folio 54, with implication that he died intestate, which he did not...

I don't understand this

>> Edward Blennerhassett; b.bef.1552 (over 21 in 1573); of Barsham, Suffolk 1573; of St.Sepulchre, London (Middlesex) c1580; d.1580, Will pr.19.9.1580 [PCC]; unkm.

Servant to the Right Hon. Earl of Arundel; his sis. Frances BH (N 9) was servant to the Countess, "my Lady of Arundel's woman"; inherited lands at Ringsfield from father 1573; appointed co-executor of his father's Will (with Thomas BH & Lionel Throckmorton) but refused to act as such

SALE OF LOUDHAM 1627: in 1627 Samuel Blennerhassett Jr sold Loudham Hall out of the family to Sir Henry Wood; SALE OF FRENZE 1636: in 1636 Samuel Blennerhassett Jr sold Frenze Hall out of the family to Richard Nixon; In SRO Ms. MC 92/17 (1632) is: "Samuel Blennerhassett to Peter Prettyman, to perform covenants in a bargain & sale of the site of the manor of Frenze, alias Frenze Hall"; and in SRO Ms. MC 92/19 is an "Exemplification of a fine from Samuel & Edward Blennerhassett and Henry Wood to Richard Nixon" dated 1640

in 1636 Samuel Blennerhassett Jr, Edward Blennerhassett (his brother), Sir Henry Wood & Peter Prettiman (sic), jointly sold out of the BH family, to Richard Nixon, "the manor of Frenze and lands in Frenze, Osmondston, Diss and Thelveton" [NRO MC 92/18, 536X8]; and in 1638 "admission of Richard Nixon on the surrender of Samuel Blennerhassett to several pieces of land in Osmondston & Frenze"; also [NA Ms. WARD 7/983/43] re: Samuel BH, Suffolk 1639/40 (15 Chas I)

m.20.8.1635 Pettistree; Anne Talmash of Helmingham; dau. of Lionel Talmash, Bart. dau. of Sir Lionel Talmash, 1st Bart. of Kiloney(?); widow of Robert Gosnold of Otleay, b.20.2.1609 Helmingham

>> Edward Blennerhassett of Campsey Ash (Campsea Ashe), Suffolk; bapt.4.9.1604 Pettistree; Edu. Peterhouse, Cambridge (admitted Fell.-Com.1622); d.?6.1641 (dsp), bur. in the ch. at Campsey Ash (Campsea Ashe) 10.6.1641 under a slab with Blennerhassett coat of arms [NICHOLS p.28]; Will dated 18.5.1641 (pr.16.7.1641) [SRO Ms. ZC/AA1/79/19]; in 1636 he and his brother Samuel Blennerhassett Jr jointly sold Frenze, out of the family, to Richard Nixon

>> Judith Blennerhassett; bapt.23.9.1606 Wickham Market; executrix for her brother Edward BH in 1641; of Buchall(?) 1663

???: Jeremy Blennerhassett (alias Hassett) was bur.6.11.1629 Pettistree (who is this?); there is another Jeremy BH at (N 23)

>> John Blennerhassett b.post1552 (aged under 21 in 1573), perhaps b.c1559; d.1608 [BIFR p.134]; appears to be unkm.

John BH in 1587 gained the family portion of manor of Boylands (Boylands Hall) at Scole (adjacent to Frenze), following death of his cousin Mary BH Bacon (N 1), & soon after he erected, jointly with John Cornwallis, a brass for Mary B. in Frenze church; he later sold the portion of Boylands to Sir Thomas Cornwallis, Knt.; In 1573 he inherited, jointly with his bro's George BH & Richard BH, a lease of the manor of Pitsey, Essex, granted his father John BH by the Duke of Norfolk; in 1604 John BH attempted to "recover" the manor of Loudham in Pettistree from his nephew Samuel BH Sr, describing Samuel as "tenant" at Loudham; see Ms. "...exemplification of a writ of precipe addressed to Samuel Blennerhassett, esq., for the return of the manor of Loudham to John Blennerhassett & Edmund Colman" (HD 1538/297/31, 8.6.1604; & SRO Mss. HD 1538/297/30, 38 Eliz., 1596) but appears not to have succeeded & to have d.1608; Samuel BH Jr appears to have sold Loudham out of the family in 1627, to Sir Henry Wood (d.1671, bur. nearby at Ufford); His sister Frances BH in 1600 bequeathed him "...all that term of years unexpired in my lease of Blakende Endgate?..."

[VoS/1561 p.361] & [SUCKLING/2] says he may have been "...of Lincoln's Inn...", but that appears to be another John, Sir John Blennerhassett (N 17) who at one time lived at Beccles, Suffolk (the nearest town to Barsham) became a lawyer & Judge in Ireland, and m. Ursula Duke (N 17); DAVY also confuses these two John Blennerhassetts

>> George Blennerhassett of Barsham; b.post 1552 (aged under 21 in 1573); d.1608 (BIFR p.134);

m. Frances Feltham of Halesworth, Suffolk (& Mulford?); dau. of Thomas Feltham; her 2nd m., she had m.1st 18.7.1596 Sir <??> Knt) **he gained the manor of Frenze (Frenze Hall), Diss, Norfolk following the death of Mary Blennerhassett Bacon (N 1) in 1587; by 1595 Frenze was held by his nephew Samuel BH Sr (N 8), although George Blennerhassett was still living in 1608**

>> Ralph (Ralf, Rafe) Blennerhassett of Barsham; bapt.27.3.1558 Barsham; d. an infant, bur.13.3.1563/4 Barsham;

[MORIARTY/1 p.278] takes this Ralph in [VoS/1561] to be an error for his brother Richard, but he was wrong; Richard Blennerhassett was b.1566

>> Helen (Ellen) >>>>>>>> Thomas Gurney bapt.15.5.1572 Barsham; of West Barsham, Norfolk; m. Martha Lewknor of Deaham, Newmarket, Suffolk (issue: 2 sons, 4 daus)

Blennerhassett >> Henry Gurney; Edward Gurney; Bassingbourne Gurney (dsp); Abigail Gurney

fl.1561? [VoS/1561 >> Anne Gurney m. Thomas Osborne of Mandham, Norfolk

v.1 pp.360-1] fl.1561 >> Mary Gurney (dsp); Elizabeth Gurney m. <??> Salford of London

of Barsham; >> Leonard Gurney

d.bef.1614 >> Anthony Gurney

/ >> Francis Gurney

m.10.6.1571 Barsham;

Henry Gurney; of Gt.Ellingham, Norfolk; d.1614; of West Barsham, Norfolk; son of Francis Gurney; biography & Will dated 1.5.1614 [GURNEY]; bur. Gt. Ellingham, with his wife **brothers John & Henry Gurney, who founded Gurney & Co. Bank of Norwich 1775 (one of the banks that in 1896 joined to form Barclays Bank) are said to be descendants**

>> Katherine >>>>>>>> Thomas Cornwallis; m. Mary Grimston of Risangle, Suffolk

Blennerhassett >> Henry Cornwallis (dsp)

of Barsham >> Philip Cornwallis (dsp); m. <??>

fl.1561? [VoS/1561 >> Francis Cornwallis

v.1 pp.360-1] fl.157? >> Anne Cornwallis

d.23.1.1584 in child >> Elizabeth Cornwallis; her aunt Frances Blennerhassett in 1599 bequeathed her "...my chayne of goulde and my borders set with pearle...";

birth, of her 6th ch. >> a further child b.23.1.1584 died at birth

bur. Badingham, Suffolk; her brass, now on the chancel wall, has the inscription remaining but shields & crests are missing;

m. post 1573 John Cornwallis, of Soham Lodge, Earl Soham, Suffolk; d.13.6.1615 (as his 1st wife); son of 1st cousin Margaret Lowthe & Richard Cornwallis of Badingham (N 10) he was executor to his brother-in-law Edward Blennerhassett (N 8) in 1580 and to his sister-in-law Frances Blennerhassett in 1599

>> Margaret Blennerhassett; of Barsham; fl.1561? [VoS/1561 vol.1 pp.360-1]; not bapt. at Barsham; prob. d.bef. 1573 as not mentioned in her father's Will

>> Frances Blennerhassett; fl.1561? [VoS/1561 vol.1 pp.360-1]; d.1600 unkm., bur. 23.6.1600 Barsham (as "Mrs Frances BH"); Will dated 8/9.1.1599 (42 Eliz.), pr.30.5.1600 Lond. [PCC] "*my Lady of Arundel's woman*", i.e. lady-in-waiting to Anne Dacre, Countess of Arundel (b.21.3.1557; d.19.4. 1630 Shifnall, Shropshire; bur. Arundel, Sussex, who became countess on her marriage in 1580); In Frances' Will is "...Item I geve and bequeathe unto the Ladye Elizabeth Howarde daughter unto the right honourable Anne Countesse of Arundell my good Ladye and mistres my Jesus or Jewell made in the forme of that blessed name and my two duzzen of Pearle Buttons ..."; and to her brother John BH "...all that term of years unexpired in my lease of Blakende Ewegate..."; Her brother Edward BH (N 8) was servant to Earl of Arundel until 1580

I have seen reference to Agnes Blennerhassett of Barsham, but do not know who she is; perhaps identical with Anne Blennerhassett, perhaps not...

NOTE: >>>>>

>> Anne Blennerhassett; bap.9.5.1563 Barsham; un. in 1573, fl.1608; [BLGI p.134] shows "*Frances or Anne?*" as one person, married to George Atkins
 m. post.1573 George Atkinson; of Yelverton, Norfolk (1599 Will of his sister-in-law sister Frances BH names him Atkinson, but [VoN/1563 p.9] & [BIFR p.134] name him Atkins)

NOTE: >---->
 Perhaps(?) identical with Richard BH who in 1615 (12 James I) took a lease of Stow Hall, Norfolk, from Sir John Pasburgh(?)

>> Richard B'hassett >>>> Thomas Blennerhassett
 bap.24.4.1566 >> Elizabeth Blennerhassett
 Barsham >> William Blennerhassett
 (under 21 in 1573); >> Helen Blennerhassett
 fl.1608;
 servant to Lord <??>; godson to Mary BH Bacon (N 1), whose husband Thomas Culpepper of Loudham, Pettistree bequeathed him my two marshes in Orford and Gedgrave; The 1599 Will of his sister Frances Blennerhassett refers to "...my brother Richard Blennerhassett's lands...";

m.15.6.1579 (licence) St.Lawrence Poultny church, London; Elizabeth Awdeley of London; of Berechurch, Chelmsford, Essex 1626;
perhaps(?) also of Gosbecks Manor, Much Stanway, Essex; Will dated 1626 [ERO 211 CW 10]; dau. of Thomas & Beatrice Audley; both bur. Berechurch

>> Elizabeth Blennerhassett >>>> Margaret Lowthe >>>> Anne Cornwallis >>>> Audrey Dade >>>>>>>> >>>> <son> Garneys
 of Frenze, Norfolk b.1529 d.1603 / d.1651
 prob. b.post 1513; / m. Thomas Dade / >>>> <son> Garneys
 her elder step-sister also bur. St.Peter's ch., of Tannington, m. Nicholas Garneys / >>>> <son> Garneys
 named Elizabeth BH Cretingham Suffolk Suffolk b.1556; b.1579 d.1652/3;
 died young d.1513 (N 1) (a memorial in ch.) (son & heir of of Mickfield
 / *her long plaited* William Dade of NOTE: The DADE >>>> <son> Garneys
 perhaps(?) d. in childbirth *hair survived her* Witton, Norfolk & family appear in >>>> <son> Garneys
 or soon after *by two centuries,* Margery Godbold) *Magna Carta*
 / *being found in* >>>> John Garneys >>>>>>>> >>>> <son> Garneys
 / *perfect condition* 6th son / >>>> <son> Garneys
Lionel Lowthe (Louthe) when her vault was opened in 1826 / d.1675 Mickfield >>>> <son> Garneys
 of Sawtrey Bealmes (Beaumes?), Huntingdon / m. Elizabeth >>>> Nathaniel Garneys >>>> Jane Garneys >>>>>>>> Clement Chevallier
 shire (g.son & heir of Thomas Lowthe) / Atherold d.1697 3rd son / b.c1692/3 d.1752 / b.1729 d.1729
 / of Kenton / >>>> Jane Jefferey / >>>> Jane Chevallier
 d.1532, bur. in St.Peter's ch., Cretingham, Suffolk >>>> John Cornwallis >>>>>>>> >>>> issue (N 9) / (Jeffereys?) m.1728 / b.1730 d.1806
 (an elaborate stone monument on the north wall of the chancel has a kneeling effigy of Lionel Lowthe, erected 1596 by dau. Margaret Lowthe; this is a little damaged, especially his legs) / Sir John Cornwallis (N 7), who in 1544 Will bequeathed to his son m.2nd <??> / bur. Kenton Clement Benjamin >>>> Temple Chevallier >>>>>>>>
 Richard Cornwallis "...my ward >> further issue / All Saints Chevallier b.1697 d.1762 / b.1731 d.1804
 Margaret Lowthe, which I bought of my Lord of Norfolk, he [Richard] to marry her himself if they both Will be so contented... " >>>> of Jersey, Channell Islands; moved from Jersey to Aspell Hall, Suffolk 1722; bringing with him the techniques of cider making; still known for quality cider and cider vinigar. Aspell Hall has the longest continuously operating cider making business in the UK / >>>> Mary Chevallier d.1804(?)
 & marry her he did he developed an imprortant strain of barley for brewing; a pioneer in treatment of the mentally ill, opening a wing of Aspell Hall as a psychiatric hospital / >>>> Clement Chevallier b.1735 d.1741
 m. Richard Cornwallis; b.c1520; d.bef.1581; of Shotley & of Oakenhill Hall, Badingham, Suffolk son of Sir John Cornwallis (N 7) - see above / **NOTE:** Lord Kitchener (1850-1916) was a frequent visitor to Aspell Hall and when raised to the peerage became Lord Kitchener of Khartoum & Baron Aspell
 / NOTE: brother of Elizabeth Cornwallis (N 7) who m. Margaret Lowthe's uncle John Blennerhassett (N 6); also brother of Sir Thomas Cornwallis, Knt (N 8) who in 1561 purchased or was granted that part of the manor of Boylands not owned by the Blennerhassetts of Frenze, his heirs later purchasing the Blennerhassett portion of Boylands

m.2nd Francis Clopton >>>> further issue
 "the elder"
 of Kentwell Hall, Melford Park, Long Melford, Suffolk; as his 2nd wife;
 he d. <??> bur. Long Melford
 he m. 3rd Bridget Crane of Chilton;
 Will dated 2.2.1558, pr.7.7.1559 [PCC, 33 Chaynay];
 this marriage is shown by an inscription on the 1561 brass of Elizabeth's mother Margaret Braham Blennerhassett (N 2) at Frenze, also [VoS/1561 pp.355 & 359];

NOTE: markings on the Iveagh copy of [VoS/1561 p.356] suggest, in error, it was Elizabeth's daughter Margaret Lowthe who m. Francis Clopton; this is not so, her dau. Margaret Lowthe was was buried as "Margaret Cornwallis"; DAVY reports both theories...

Tales told by local people about Hassett's Hall (GURNEY):

An old man told that, when he was young, in Hassett's Hall he saw an apparition of a dead body roll across the room...

Soldiers working in the barracks hospital, built directly on the site of Hassetts Hall, reported being disturbed by "strange apparitions"

"there was a closet in the mansion that had never been opened, & no-one knew what was there, and the doors of the two rooms had been plastered up - in attempting to open which, two people had been struck blind..." (Interestingly, when Barsham Hall was being restored in 1993 by owners Maurice & Janet Elliott, a large hidden room was also discovered there);

Gurney also recorded a Hassett's Hall tale that has similarities to that from Barsham, Suffolk (N 5): "...a strange tale ran that old 'Hassett' often 'rode' in his coach and four over Bishop Gate, and when his whip was cracked, flashes of fire came out which illuminated the whole city..."

"HASSETT'S TOWER"

The redbrick "Hassett's Tower", better known as "Cow Tower", was rebuilt 1378-1390 as a part of the defences of Norwich, on the bank of the River Wensum, where it still stands; it is close to the site of "Hassett's Hall" but on the opposite side of the river, and may have taken its name from the Hassetts' having at some time having as responsibility for it, or merely from the closeness to their house; it gained its more usual name of "Cow Tower" because the land adjoining the river was cattle pasture called "Cowsholm"; other names are "The Great Tower", "Hospital Tower" & "The Dungeon"; The tower today is 52 feet high and 24 feet wide

[GURNEY] & [BUNN] relate a ghostly legend connecting Hassett's Tower with & Barsham Hall, the home of Thomas Blennerhassett (N 5) , a.k.a. "Old Blunderhazard", near Beccles, just over the county border in Suffolk; The Barsham Hall buildings are about half a mile from main Beccles-Bungay road and are now reached by a gently sloping track along which, according to local legend, the ghost of "...Old Blunderhazard' drives out every Christmas Eve just before midnight in a coach & six, to visit Hassett's Tower [a.k.a. "Cow Tower"] at Norwich, and to return to Barsham before he may snuff the morning air. The Barsham story makes the horses without heads and yet fire flashing out of their nostrils..."; This lane was not a part of the old coach road to Beccles, that is no longer in use but its route may still be identified

In 1578 Edmund Freke, pro-Catholic Bishop of Norwich, prevented John Becon, Puritan Diocesan Chancellor of Norwich, removing his opponents from positions of office; "...Sir Robert Jermy and William Blennerhassett accompanied by 200 of the brethren burst in upon Freake's consistory proceedings and in the name of the council restored Dr.Becon in full possession of the office of Chauncellorship [commanding] the proctors and inferior officers to accept him & obey him" from HS pp.220-221

William Blennerhassett has many mentions in (PNB)

William Blennerhassett m.1st bef. 1545 [NRS vol.XLVI p.301] (although other sources have him m.1549) to

Anne Colby of Brundish, Suffolk; bur.14.1.1551 St.Martin at Palace Gate, Norwich; d. of John Colby [BEDB Colby, Bart.]

she raised from childhood Martha <??> who m. John Partridge

another William BH on (N 13) perhaps also m. a Colby, but doubtful...

for William Blennerhassett's 2nd & 3rd marriage follow this line down to (N 21)...

Sir Edward's property included Boa Island, & he had the Advowson (patronage of the Rectory & Vicarage) of Magheraculmory; His land reached from Pettigo to Belleek & he built the town of Belleek, now world-famous for its distinctive pottery; He had the majority portion of 1000 acres that he shared with his brother Thomas BH

After the initial grant, his son Francis resided c1611 at the property in Lurg as his father's agent, before his father's arrival; with Francis were six men, all well armed, two with wives, who were to settle there as leaseholders or freeholders; "...they have made one English house, with three rooms beneath, a chimney & an oven with a loft, & part of the house is already thatched; some boards are already sawed for the loft and about 15 trees felled & squared; they have 4 mares and a horse, and have brought a dozen head of cattle or thereabout. For lime and stone I see none..."

In his Will he speaks of his lands in Co.Fermanagh "...which I received by the gift and grant of the King's most excellent majesty..."; he left his Manor to his eldest son Ralph BH, but the lands were divided equally to his sons Ralph & Francis BH

m.c1575/77 (at Brome, Suffolk ?) Susan Pickerell of Cringleford, Norfolk; d.1598, bur.24.12.1598 St.Martin at Palace Gate, Norwich; dau. of John Pickerell; [VoN/1563 p.40] has him named Ralph Pickering or Pickerell

Edward Pickerell, presumably her nephew, was her husband's Sir Edward BH's godson

Sir Edward BH was knighted 23.7.1603 by K. James I (shortly before his coronation) in Royal Gardens at Palace of Whitehall, being one of 300 dubbed knights on 23rd & 24th;

In 1603 James raised funds by conferring knighthood on 700 landowners within three months, on payment of £50 each; Edward Blennerhassett responded to a summons, made 17.7.1603, for all persons that had £40 in lands to come & receive the honour of knighthood; in this context [RYMER vol. xvi p.560] & [SHAW] name him "Edward (Thomas) Blennerhassett of Norfolk"

NOTE: Knighted on same day & place was a Thomas Blennerhassett described by [BLOMEFIELD vol. ? p. ?] as "Thomas Blennerhassett who also went to Ireland"; This Sir Thomas, who did not use his title, may perhaps be Thomas Blennerhassett (N 20) the soldier and poet, brother of this Sir Edward Blennerhassett

In his Will he revokes a previous "deed of declaration" and a "deed of bargain" both dated 13.5.1657

By his Will he left a gold ring engraved with Blennerhassett crest, described as "...the picture of the wolfe..."; and also a ring with a red cornelian engraved with the Blennerhassett coat of arms; both to his eldest son Augustine; On his death in 1663 he directed his lands etc in Co. Fermanagh & Co.Monaghan to be sold to pay his debts and provide for his children; this was done by his eldest son Augustine Blennerhassett c1664/5

m.11.3.1646/7 at St.Stephen, Norwich; Frances Palgrave (d.bef.1662); of Northwood Barningham, Norfolk; her mother bequeathed her a jewel called "the eagle stone..." which she in turn left to her dau. Elizabeth Blennerhassett dau. of Sir Austin (Augustine) Palgrave, Knt [BEDB Palgrave]

>>> Lt.-Col. William >>>>>> Edward Blennerhassett; of All Hallows, London Wall Blennerhassett; ("All Hallows-in-the-Wall"); fl.1699 & 1711 Citizen & Merchant Taylor of London" b.c1623

d.6.1.1699/1700; Will dated 31.7.1699, codecil 3.1.1699/1700 Will pr.18.1.1699/00 [PCC, 2 Noel]

Soldier; in London Militia when commissioned Lt. in the Orange Regt. of Foot 23.7.1659, one of six Foot Regts created at that time from the Militia of London; Raised from Lt. to Lt.-Col. in the Regt. of Horse 18.8.1659 (House of Commons Journal vol.7, dates: 23.7.1659, 27.7.1659, 5.8.1659, 18.8.1659)

bur. at Bunhill Fields Burial Ground, London (the dissenter's graveyard); bur. privately "...by or near Col. Mathew Shepperd in the new ground near Bunhill...", under a gravestone "...adorned with warlike trophies..." that tells us he "was a lover of arms, and of Christian & English Liberties.."; Ref 1: Stowe's (Tuueey?) 1720, fol. vol.2, book 4, p.67 [DAVY];

John Blennerhassett (d.1704) above

m.14.2.1687 Caister-on-Sea, Gt. Yarmouth; Elizabeth Rowe; b.1640/44 d.7.8.1719 aged 79 yrs; of Caister-on-Sea (dau. of John Rowe of Caister d.1678, Alderman & twice Bailiff of Gt Yarmouth) sister of Mary Hill; In 1708 she gave £100 to Corporation of Great Yarmouth, "for the payment of £5 yearly, at equal portions, at Christmas and Easter Even, for the Fisherman's Hospital..."; In 1717 she gave £50 "to be applied to teaching 6 boys from the charity school "Arithmetick and the Mathematics"; Elizabeth & her sister Mary Hill in 1716 jointly sold some land in Norfolk; in 1715 she bequeathed a £200 bond to Great Yarmouth Charity School, with interest on £100 being first paid to her sister Mary Hill for life

>> Elizabeth Blennerhassett; fl.1653 & 1674 (in Will of her aunt Mary Blennerhassett)

>> Samuel Blennerhassett; of Woodbridge, Suffolk; fl.1699; d.?4.1718; Will dated 2.4.1718, pr.11.4.1718 [PCC]; bur.11.4.1718 St.Mary, Woodbridge (National Burial Index) from his father he inherited: owned freehold houses at Dolphin Court (formerly Herne Court), Ludgate Hill, parish of St.Martin's, London; also had lease of houses on Ludgate Hill, parish of St.Bridget's (St.Brides), London, all inherited from his father

>>>> Rev.Thomas >>>>> William Blennerhassett b.21.5.1711, bapt.28.5.1711 Blennerhassett bur. 29.5.1711 (or 29.8.1711?) Patching priest (clerk in holy orders); >>> Sarah Blennerhassett bapt.12.2.1712 Patching b.c1679 (London?) >> George Blennerhassett bapt.23.10.1718 Patching

of the parish of St.Margaret Pattens, London, 1703; d.1731 Will [PCD]; [PWJ] & [VENN] said in <??> to be edu. Cambridge, MA1717 [VENN] but 1717 date is not possible, far too late; check this... Ordained deacon (Ely) 1709 & Priest (Clerk) 1709; Rector of St.John the Devine, Patching, Sussex 1711-26; Chaplain to Rt. Hon.Lionel, Earl of Dorset & Middlesex, 1714-16; "Prebendary of Armagh" in Ballymore ("anciently called Tandragee") Ireland from 1725; Rector of Tandragee; resided in parish of St.Margaret, Westminster, 1731

Author in 1715 (London) of:- "Plus Quam Speravimus: or; The Happy Suprize", a sermon preached at Patching, Sussex, 20.1.1714/5 being the day of thanksgiving to almighty God, for bringing his Majesty to a peaceable and quiet possession of the throne; & disappointing thereby the designs of the pretender, and all his abettors and adherents"; Author in 1715 (London) of:- "Legal Obedience, in Opposition to Unlimited; The Subjects Necessary Duty, & a Prince's Best Security", a sermon preached 30.1.1715/6 at Barwick Chapel, St.James's, Westminster; In his Will he mentions "...my uncle and aunt Martin..."

m.25.3.1703 at All Hallows, London Wall (aka "All Hallows-in-the-Wall") [LML p.142] Sarah Weaver b.c1686; of the parish of St.Magnus, London 1703 (age 17 years, with consent of her parents); fl.1711; who as widow in 1733-36 leased, from Dean & Chapter of Westminster, a house in a lane opposite Westminster Abbey & St.Margaret's Church

>> Sarah Blennerhassett; un. in 1699

>> Rachel Blennerhassett; under 21 in 1699

NOTE: Bunhill Fields was the dissenters' burial ground for old London, the burying place of John Bunyan, Daniel Defoe & William Blake

He has built a boat, and has broken stones for lime and some burnt; and thirty trees felled; some squared and sawed; a fair large Irish house, with windows & rooms after the English manner, wherein is a new kitchen..."

He built Castle Hassett (later Crevenish Castle) c1615, as a "strong house" 20 feet broad, 2 1/2 stories high, surrounded by a bawne (a strong outer wall, 75ft long, 47ft wide, 12ft high) and with its own chapel; This is at Ederney, then known as "Hassetstown"; A local survey by Capt. Pynnar 1618-19 stated "...Blennerhasset hath also a small village consisting of 6 houses of cage work, inhabited with English..."; In 1616 Thomas was granted a further 760 ac. at Coolmackernan; He also shared with his brother Sir Edward a further 1000 acres at Tarmackein (Tolmacken, Tullenageane) in Ederney; Thomas BH built the towns of Kesh & Ederney, & DNB tells us "...in 1612 he, with 39 others, appealed to Lord-Deputy Sir Arthur Chichester, to grant them jointly a part of Sligo, 60,000 acres in Fermanagh and some neighbouring territory, on their undertaking to expend £40,000 on the land and to settle upon it 1000 'able men furnished for all kinds of handiwork'..."

In 1639 the family's lands in Co.Fermanagh (owned by Thomas BH's son, Sir Leo Blennerhasset) were listed on the back of Leo's Will as follows: Gortnecullan, Drummore, Muckrush, Lytte (alias Leterkeene), Bloncagh, Tatona Tuber (alias Tubberet), Roscagh, Liscangell, Dromardnaghee (alias Dromard), Aghegrueybem, Cghell, Crumlyn, Edenaveghy, Brackclooney, Collatah, Tevecksperriroh, Tarwennesh, Shanaradoroh, Clanarnah, Idermah (Edermah?), Dromkeene, Haghaleage (alias Aheilick), Adveranan; **NOTE: For further information on Blennerhassetts in Co.Fermanagh and details of their holdings, refer to John B. Cunningham's article "The Blennerhassetts of Kesh" Cloher Record Issue No.3, 1999 pp.112-126 on-line at: <http://www.fermanagh.org.uk/fermanaghpresnts/blenner4.htm>**

Publishing history of

Capt. Thomas Blennerhasset's "MIRROUR FOR MAGISTRATES": PART I:-

The original "Mirroure for Magistrates" dealt in verse with episodes of English history from the time of King Richard II; Published 1559 under the editorship of William Baldwin, it was a continuation of (or sequel to) John Lydgate's "Falls of Princes" (1431-38, pub.1494), itself a translation of Boccaccio's "The Fate of Illustrious Men" (1355-1374); The "Mirroure" reprinted in 1563, when Thomas Sackville's famous 'Induction' was published as the preface, & again 1571; John Higgins wrote a new series of poems, on legends drawn from far earlier history, titled "The First parte of the Mirour for Magistrates, containing the falles of the first unfortunate Princes of this lande. From the coming of Brute to the incarnation of our saviour & redemer Jesu Christe", published by Marsh in 1574; This was reprinted in 1575

PART II:-

Thomas Blennerhasset's contribution, printed by Richard Webster, London, in 1578, was a continuation of Higgins' book, titled "The Second Parte of the Mirroure for Magistrates, containing the falles of the unfortunate Princes of this lande. From the conquest of Caesar unto the comyng of Duke William the Conqueror"; This included "The Complaint of Uter Pendragon" (modified by Richard Niccols for 1610 ed.) and "King Carassus" (pp.185-194 of 1610 ed.)

PART III

By Ferrers, Cavyll, Chaloner, Phaer, Baldwin, Skelton, Dolman, Sackville, Segar, Dingley, Churchyard & Drayton

PARTS IV & V:-

In 1610 Richard Niccols added "A Winter's Night Vision" containing ten additional tragedies, and "Englands Eliza", it being published as:- A Mirour for Magistrates: Being a True Chronicle Historie of the Untimely falles of such unfortunate Princes and men of note, as have happened since the first entrance of Brute into this Iland, untill this our latter Age. Newly Enlarged... London: Imprinted by Felix Kyngston, 1610"; The parts were united in an edition published by Marsh in 1587, edited by Higgins who rewrote some of his own work and added more; Another edition was published in 1620;

A copy of the 1610 ed. was displayed at Booth E2 of 42nd Annual N.York Antiquarian Book Fair (held 2002 at Park Avenue Armory, N.York, USA) contained on the foot of p.194 the signature in ink of "Thomas B. Hasset"

REPRINTS:-

Reprinted 1815 by Joseph Haslewood, Longman, London, in 2 volumes, reprinted from 1587 edition, collated with that of 1575 and 1610;

Translated into German 1909 by C.R.Laemmerhirt; Reprinted 1946 as

occupied by Rev. Robert Flack; and the lands of Gubbaroe; John Cunningham writes that the stone house was in 1739 occupied by her g.son Capt. John Cochrane, & was in 1834 described as "Flacks Castle"

The Castle now owned by Bertie & Joan Bell

Deborah Mervyn BH of Crevenish Castle m.2nd 1640 Col. Rory Maguire of Deerpark also called Roger, nicknamed "The Drover") b.c1620 d.1648; and had issue: Rory Maguire, Philip Maguire & Marie M.

RORY MAGUIRE & the 1641 Revolt

Col. Rory Maguire, MP for Co.Fermanagh 1639-42, was of the old Catholic gentry and of the pre-plantation order in Fermanagh; 2nd son of 1st Baron Maguire & brother of of Conor Maguire, the 2nd Lord Maguire & Baron Enniskillen (BDEP, Maguire & E.); After this 1640 marriage to Deborah BH, Rory made his home at Castle Hassett (Crevenish), but despite having married into a plantation family he desired a return to Maguire rule & an end to the plantation

CASTLE HASSETT (CREVENISH CASTLE)

Although young, Rory Maguire was a leader in Fermanagh of the 1641 Irish revolt against the English, intended to restore the Irish way of life so changed by the plantation; He organized a banquet at Castle Hassett, planning to capture or kill leading planter families who attended; As guests arrived a groom signalled planter leader Sir Wm Cole, Governor of Enniskillen, that all was not well, telling him that their horses would be ready for them in 10 mins & not to be parted with their swords.... suspicions now aroused, the Planters left quickly for safety of Enniskillen

Rory Maguire's name in Ulster Protestant tradition is a symbol of treachery & brutality, but many historians have been kinder to him; Far from being barbarous, they mention that he was considerate and kind, had qualities of leadership & endeared himself to his men

Before 1641 Rory was well thought of by the planters of Fermanagh, his wife Deborah (Mervyn) BH being sister of planter leader Sir Audley Mervyn of Trillick Castle, & Rory's home at Crevenish Castle being a rendezvous for both Irish & English (see "The Fermanagh Story" by P. Livingstone);

Her son Henry BH in his Will remembers Rory Jr & Philip Maguire as his brothers, leaving "...a case of pistols & my sword to said Rory Maguire..."; Col. Rory Maguire was slain 13.11.1648 while leading an attack at Jamestown, Co.Leitrim (Carrick Drumrusk); His elder brother Lord Connor Maguire, captured while attempting to take Dublin Castle on 23.10.1641, was executed at Tyburn, London, in Feb.1644

m.1664 Phoebe Hume of Eaglehurst & Castle Hume d.1716? (BLGI has d.1710)

her husb. left "to my said wife her saddle nag, a chestnut gelding & a horse called Swannie..."

d.of Sir George Hume 1st Baronet of Castle Hume; Phoebe m.2nd 1704 Christopher Irvine MD; of Castle Irvine, Fermanagh; b.c1642; d.9.5.1714 (dsp); High Sheriff Co. Fermanagh 1690; MP Co.Ferm. 1703-13

m.5th c1708 Capt. John Cochrane

b.est.1683 d.c1743; admon.10.3.1743/4;

through his wife Deborah (nee Blennerhasset) he inherited half Henry Blennerhasset's Fermanagh estates, inc. Crevenish Castle and Lisingle

John Cochrane m.2nd bef.1736

CharlotteHumphrys : >>> William Cochrane : >>> of Lissingle, Kesh b.1736 d.1810
it is suggested that CharlotteHumphrys : may not have m. this John Cochrane but his son by a previous m. who was also named John Cochrane and was b.est.c1713

>> Mary >>>>>>>>>>>> Blennerhasset co-heir with her sister Deborah; d. soon after her husband in c1691/2, "...dejected for so great a loss..."

m. Maj. Charles Bingham of Newbrook, Ballinrobe & Bingham Castle, Foxford, Co.Mayo; K.I.A. at the battle of Aughrim, Co.Galway 12.6.1691; This battle decided the Jacobite war & a turning point in Irish history; Catholic forces (French & Irish) under Patrick Sarsfield capitulated, & a treaty (later in part dishonoured) was signed at Limerick in Oct.1691

Charles Bingham was described a "dear friend" by John "Black Jack" Blennerhasset of Castle Conway (p.K 1)

>>> Leonard Blennerhasset; b.post1627 (aged under 12 yrs 1639)

>>> Martha Cochrane >>> Deborah Sacheverell b.c1709 >>> Mariann Sacheverell

m.1st James Cochrane m.2nd Dr. Clare Sacheverell; of Coollanyfield & Clareview, Fermanagh

m.3rd John >>>>>>>>>>>> >>> Martha Humphrys >>> Christopher H. b.1786
Humphrys of m. Christopher >>> Martha H. b.1787
Clareview, Ferm. Humphrys >>> Deborah H. b.1791
b.1759 d.1833 >>> Mary H. b.1793
>>> John H. b.1795
>>> Pheobe Hume H. b.1797

>> Henry (Hugh) Cochrane b.c1712 (or perhaps a son of Martha Cochrane, and g.son of John Cochrane ?)
NOTE: Some sources have Henry & Hugh Cochrane as identical, as shown here - others show them as different sons

>>> William Cochrane : >>> from whom descends Leigh Saddington of Merewether, Newcastle, NSW, Australia
FAMILY RESEARCHER

m. Mary Ann Foster >> Mary Cochran >> <dau.> Cochran; m.13.3.1760 Dublin, William Johnstone of Cahore >> Capt. Thomas John Cochrane b.c1743 d.22.5.1818 m. Hon. Frances Hay

>>> John Bingham of Newbrook; MP; of Newbrook; m.1.6.1738 Frances Shaen Ballinrobe & Foxford Co.Mayo; >> Henry Bingham One of the Lords >> Richard Bingham Justices of Ireland >> Anne Bingham >> Mary Bingham sold in 1719 his half of Henry BH's Co.Ferm. estates >> Dorothy Bingham >> Susannah Bingham >> Sarah Bingham

m. Dame Susanna Vestry, dau. of the Archbishop of Tuam

[HICKSON/OKR vol.1 p.277] & [BIFR p.135] suggest that St.John Cronin Blennerhasset of Dublin (IRE 10) ? claimed descent from brothers Leonard or Audley Blennerhasset (N 20), but no evidence found to support this claim

?? Sydney Blennerhasset(?); Some sources show him, but he does not appear in his father's 1639 Will and no evidence found

**NOTE: John BH's
1st marriage
est. c1460 to
Jane (Margaret)
Heigham is on (N 1)**

**John Blennerhassett (N 1)
his 2nd m. bef.26.3.1473**

to

Jane (Joan) Tyndall >>>> John Blenerhayset; unm.; of Hampstead, Middlesex; also of Southill, Bedfordshire; see his Will - also [BLOMEFIELD vol 1, p.141] [MORANT vol.2 p.153] [BIFR p.13]

(Tindall, Tyndale)
b. <??>
dau. of Sir Thomas
Tyndall, Knt
of Deene, Northants
also Redenhall &
Hockwold, Norfolk

d.?7.1532 (dsp), place of burial unknown; [BLOMEFIELD vol.1 p.141], [VoS/1561 p.355] & [BIFR p.135] each state that John Blenerhayset "of Southill" died without issue; Will dated 13.7.1532 (24 Henry VIII), pr.29.7.1532 [PCC, 16 Thower]; his Will entry in the [PCC register] has a small portrait head sketched in the left margin, under his name, drawn by the bored scribe... [BIFR p.135] has him "perhaps d.27.3.1514", but that is the date of death of another John Blennerhassett (N 1) who was buried in Frenze St.Andrew church, near Diss, Norfolk; inscription with date was recorded by [ANSTIS]; the indented stone survives in the church at Frenze but brass & inscription are since lost

by his Will he requests his house at Hampstead be sold; [KEMP section 2 p.22] writes that his Hampstead house is on land leased from St.Bartholomew's Hospital, London, but his Will is unclear about which lease is referred to

Jane d.6.10.1521, date from inscription on her monumental brass at Frenze & [VoS/1561 p.357]; however [BLOMEFIELD vol.1 p.142], [COTMAN] and [MORIARTY/1] all have d.6.10.1520 in error, misreading the brass inscription; [MORANT] has d.17.6.1521 in error

[MORANT vol.2 p.153, giving BLOMEFIELD vol 1, p.141 as source] writes of this John Blennerhassett's father John BH"...by the second [wife] he had [a son] John, to whom he gave his estate at Southhill in Bedfordshire..." [BLOMEFIELD vol.1, p.141] writes that following this John Blenerhayset's death in 1532 his property at Southill, Bedfordshire was divided among his sisters, Mary, Jane, Ellen & Anne, but no such legacy appears in his Will; John's Will mentions some lands & tenements "...at Broom in the parish of Southhill...", which he requests "...be sold and the money thereof coming to be bestowed in the highways in the said parish whereas is most need..."; it could be he had other property at Southill, to which his sisters were co-heirs from their father's Will which has not survived; NOTE: Broom & Southill are adjoining villages, about four miles from Blunham, four miles from Wrest Park; he also leaves "...my lease of the parsonage of Southill..." to his brother-in-law Sir Henry Grey of Wrest Park, Bedfordshire, husband of his sister Anne Blennerhassett of Blunham, Bedfordshire

He also had a lease of Lystoy Farm (perhaps? Lillestone, Middlesex) and a lease of the parsonage of Camfield, Essex

John Blenerhayset's Will mentions Edward Hassett (relationship not stated, but probably his nephew Edward Blennerhassett, son of his half-brother Sir Thomas Blennerhassett, Knt); also Sir Henry Gray, Knt (N 24) who is his bro.-in law although not described as such, also a "cousin" Christopher Saint Jermyn (who is this?)

His Will reveals a concerned interest in repairs to church buildings and to road improvements, the Will being mentioned in this context in "Hampstead: Communications" (VCH - vol.9 "Middlesex" 1989, pp.3-8)

[KEMP section 2 pp.21-22] (also [VoS/1561 ed. of 1984, part 2 p.357] which copies [KEMP]), *intermixes data from the Will of this John Blenerhayset of Hampstead & Southill, pr.29.7.1532 [PCC, 16 Thower], with data from Will of his half-brother Sir Thomas Blenerhayset, Knt (N 1) pr.29.7.1532 [PCC, 17 Thower], this causing great confusion; The copy records of these two PCC Wills are adjacent in the same folio (16 & 17 Thower) so both have the same reference [NA PROB 11/24], this probably being the cause of the confusion; Both Wills are claimed by the NA online record index to have been proved on the same day, 29 July 1532, but this is not so, the NA PROB 8/1 Probate Act Book Ms. includes an entry of this date for John BH, but no entry for Sir Thomas BH - the exact date of proving Sir Thomas' Will appears to have gone unrecorded*

both [KEMP] & [VoS/1561 ed. of 1984] report, in error, that this John Blennerhassett's Will mentions a wife Margaret, a son Edmund Blennerhassett (who [VoS/1561] also says "probably died young, as father stated to have died s.p."); that the Will mentions John's brothers Sir Thomas Blennerhassett, Knt & Robert BH, his bro.-in-law Sir Philip Calthorpe, Knt, an interest in the manor of Frenze, Norfolk; a lease to the parsonage at Brome, Suffolk and a bequest to the church at Ridge; none of these appear in John Blennerhassett's 1532 Will [NA PROB 11/24; image 169], but they all appear in Sir Thomas BH, Knt's Will [NA PROB 11/24, image 172], except that Sir Thomas' son was Edward Blennerhassett, not Edmund Blennerhassett

perhaps(?) m. Jane <??>, widow of Thomas Hobson

Jane Hobson Blennerhassett of London; by her Will (made 1513 when 2nd husband John BH was living) requested to be bur. next to her 1st husband Thomas Hobson, in the church of the Order of St.John of Jerusalem (order dissolved 1540); Jane Hobson's 1st husband, Thomas Hobson, d.Feb/Mar 1511, Will dated 22.2.1511, pr.23.3.1511 Lambeth [PCC]; bur. in the church of the Order of St.John of Jerusalem in England (order dissolved 1540) at Clerkenwell, London; a wealthy man, he owned the manors of Marylebone, Westbourne, Charing, Gey(?),Tyburn & Lillistone in Middlesex, bequeathing them to his wife Jane for life; also property in Lincolnshire; they had children John, Richard & Elizabeth

TYBURN & LILLESTONE in Middlesex:

John Blenerhayset & his wife Joan in 1512 held a lease of Tyburn Fields, which in 1552 his executors disposed of to Justice Portman;

John Blenerhayset & his wife Joan also in 1512 held a lease for lands in Lillestone manor, Middlesex (Ms. in Somerset Record Office, Taunton);

From these connections to Tyburn & Lillestone, it appears possible that Jane, wife of John BH and widow of Thomas Hobson, is identical with Joan, wife of John Blennerhassett;

NOTE: ANOTHER THOMAS HOBSON - BLENNERHASSETT CONNECTION:

In the church of St.Andrew at Frenze, Norfolk is interred an unknown Thomas Hobson; on the floor of the nave is a small but unusual and interesting monumental brass showing him in his winding sheet or shroud, with inscription "Pray for the sowle of your charite of Thomas Hobson to the trynnye" this brass is of Norwich workmanship and from the style the date has been estimated as c1520 (SAF)

>> Mary Blenerhayset >>>>>> Robert Warner b.1511 fl.1549

of Frenze, Norfolk

[BLOMEFIELD vol.1 p.141] names her

Margaret, in error

>> Ann Warner; m. Robert Raynebow

m.1st Henry Warner; d.20.11.1488 (? Check date); of Besthorpe, Norfolk and also Bavents Manor, Norfolk;

son of Robert Whetnall of Besthorpe, Norfolk who changed his name to Robert Warner; Henry and his brothers Robert, John & Thomas all called themselves Warner;

NOTE: the Blennerhassett armorial canvas (N 14) contains only one coat of arms that is quartered, that being Whetnall quartering Warner...

[BLOMEFIELD vol.1 p.141] & [VoS/1561 p.355] name him Robert Warner in error, but [VoS/1561 p.357] clearly states that he was Henry, not Robert;

MORIARTY/1 names him Robert Warren, in error

m.2nd Sir William Drury, also of Besthorpe, Norfolk; fl.1549 d.1551/2, bef.11.11.1552;

his 1st marriage (no issue); he gained Bavents Manor, Norfolk from his wife, holding this "during her life, and before her death it was released to him and his heirs"

he m. 2nd to Dorothy Brampton of Letton, Norfolk (issue, 8 children); Dorothy Brampton m.2nd to William Cocket of Ampton

she is bur. in the church of St.Andrew at Frenze, her tombstone on floor of the nave having a monumental brass with effigy of her wearing a gown with a "kennel" headress, she "bidding her beads" this brass at one time had three brass shields, two of which remain (fragments of a 3rd shield were at Frenze Hall in 1821, since lost); These are:
1. Blennerhassett (with annulet for difference) quartering Lowdham
2. Blennerhassett quartering Lowdham, impaling Tyndall quartering Fecklin (missing)
3. quartered, 1st & 4th Tyndall, 2nd Orton, 3rd Scales

KEMP section II, pp.21-22 makes Joan (Jane) Tyndall (who m. John Blennerhassett above as his 2nd wife) identical with a Jane, widow of Thomas Hobson, who also married a John Blennerhassett; he wrongly claiming that in her Will she is described as "Jane Blennerhassett, formerly Hobson"; this error of [KEMP] was copied by [VoS/1561 pt.2 p.357] which says Joan Tyndall BH was "almost certainly widow of ---- Hobson", (giving as ref. [BLOMEFIELD vol.II p.181], Will of her son John Blennerhassett)"

however, there was a Jane, widow of Thomas Hobson, who remarried to a John Blennerhassett, but she lived in London and d.c.1515, by her Will requesting to be bur. next to 1st husband Thomas Hobson the church of St.John of Jerusalem in London This John Blennerhassett may perhaps(?) be Joan Tyndall's son John Blennerhassett (see RIGHT); Jane Hobson Blennerhassett d.c.1515, Will dated 17.6.1513 (5 Henry VIII), Will pr.2.5.1515 [PCC], so she cannot identified with Jane Tyndall BH who d.6.10.1521 and is bur. in the church at Frenze, Norfolk

MORE MONASTIC PROPERTY: <----<

In 1546 (37 Henry VIII) license was granted to Joan <???, widow of Sir <???) (perhaps Jane, widow of Sir Philip Calthorpe) to alienate the site of Burnham Priory (later known as Creak Priory) in Norton?, Norfolk to William Blennerhasset; and in 1562 (4 Elizabeth) license was granted to John Blennerhasset, to alienate all the site & Priorate to William Bromfield & Thomas Pepys. - Ib. vol.7 p.19 - **check source** ***

>> Jane Blenerhayset >>>>>> >>> Henry Calthorp (dsp)
 of Frenze, Norfolk; >>> Thomas Calthorp (dsp); m. Alice LeStrange (dau. of Thomas LeStrange)
 d.27.4.1550 Norfolk >>> Katherine Calthorp; m. Anthony Heavingingham
 Will dated 26.6.1549
 /
 bur. in chancel of >>> Anne Calthorpe >>>>>>>>>>>> >>> Egremont Radcliffe; d.?.12.1578 Namur
 St Martin at Palace m.bef.21.11.1538 (D 1555) /
 Gate, Norwich; Sir Henry Radcliffe, >>> Egremont Radcliffe joined rebels in the Northern Rebellion of 1569, which his half-brother
 brass with shield is 2nd Earl of Sussex; K.G. >>> Thomas Radcliffe, 3rd Earl of Sussex (d.9.6.1583; son of Elizabeth Howard) then acted to suppress;
 lost but inscription b.c1506/7; d.17.2.1556/7 >>> Egremont was put to death for allegedly attempting to poison Don John of Austria, Governor-General of the Spanish <???)
 recorded Canon Row, Westmin.; bur.26.2.1556/7 Boreham >>> Frances Radcliffe >> >>> Elizabeth Wyse; bapt.2.1.1559 St.Gregory's, London
 by [ANSTIS? G.48] / d.bef.28.3.1582 m.31.10.1578 Alexander Fitton
 & [VoS/1561 p.357] / his 2nd marriage; /
 he m.1st bef.21.5.1524 m.1st Sir Thomas Mildmay
 Eliz. Howard b.post 1500 m.2nd bef.23.6.1559 Andrew Wyse
 / d.18.9.1534; [BP] has 1537

three palimpsests taken from her tomb (a shield, Calthorpe impaling BH, & two pieces of margin) were c1964 in the collection of Prince Duleep Singh;

She gained the lands, but not the house, of "Monks Grange" (a.k.a. "The Laythes Yard" or "The Laythes") at Pockthorpe, Norwich, following the dissolution of the monasteries in 1538; this land was inherited by her nephew William Blennerhasset (d.1598; N 14)

m. Sir Philip Calthorpe (Calthrop), Knt, of Calthorpe, Norfolk & of Erwarton; fl.1473; d.1535, Will pr.1535;
 his 2nd marriage (he m.1st Mary Say, sister of Sir William Say)

***** NOTE:**

There are websites claiming this Thomas Hobart was born c1537, lived at Hornden-on-the-Hill, Essex; m.30.7.1569 Snoring Magna, Norfolk; m.30.7.1569 Helene Winsuffer (b.c1546 Hingham, Norfolk; d.9.5.1603 Snoring Magna; that he was burned at stake in Essex 17.1.1599/6600 under the name Thomas Higbed, and that he is known as "Thomas the Martyr"; This is false, "Thomas the Martyr" was an entirely different man, Thomas Higbed...

>> Eleanor "Ellen" >>>>>> >>> Thomas Hobart >>>>>>>>>>>> >>> Miles Hobart >>>>>>>>>>>> >>> Sir Thomas Hobart, Knt of Plumpton; m. <???) Hopton (dau. of Sir Arthur Hopton of Bliburgh, Norfolk)
 Blenerhayset of Plumstead, Norfolk; b.1547 of Plumpton
 of Frenze, Norfolk; b.c1523 m. Margaret Woodhouse (dau. of Thomas Woodhouse)
 b.est.c1480 Norfolk; d.26/28.3.1560 Plumstead
 fl.1516; fl.1549 >>> Sir Henry Hobart >> >>> Henry Hobart; b.28.4.1591 d.bef.1625 (dsp)
 at Norwich, Norfolk; has d.28.3.1560); >>> Sir John Hobart MP > >>> Dorothy Hobart
 d. bef.22.2.1556/7 >>> see NOTE to left Chief Justice of the 2nd Bart. b.19.4.1593
 Norfolk / m. Audrey Hare (N 23) Common Pleas; d.20.4.1647; m. 1st Phillipa Sidney d.24.9.1620 (dau. of Robert Sidney, Earl of Leicester)
 m.est c.1523 Myles d.1581; Chief Baron of m.2nd ?2.1621
 Hobart (Hubbard) d.1581; the Exchequer; Frances Daubeny >>> >>> Phillipa Hobart bur.19.1.1654/5 (dsp)
 of Plumstead dau. & heir of William Attorney General; dau. of 1st (& only) /
 Parva, Norfolk; Hare & Alice Ruge d.26.12.1625 Earl of Bridgewater m. (1st cousin) * from Sir Oliver Le Neve descends Peter Le Neve Foster (N 24)
 b.c1479/80 Norwich; of Beeston, Norfolk / m.21.4.1590 >>> Sir Miles Hobart Kt > >>> Sir John Hobart MP >> >>> Sir Henry Hobart >>>>>>>>> John Hobart >>>>>>>>> John Hobart; b.?.8.1723 d.3.8.1793;
 Will pr.22.2.1557 / Dorothy Bell b.12.4.1595 | 3rd Bt. bapt.20.3.27/8 | 4th Bart.; MP | b.11.10.1693 | 2nd Earl of Buckinghamshire; Ambassador to
 & Margery Lyhart Sir Edward Warner d.?.4.1641 | m. Frances Peyton | d.22.8.1683 | killed in a duel with | d.22.9.1756; | Court of St.Petersburg; Viceroy of Ireland 1777
 of Plumstead / of Plumstead

Some sources in error show these b. & d. dates as for Ellen, not for Miles

In 1544 he gained >>> Nicholas Hobart >> Henry Hobart | he m.2nd ?6.1656 | Sir Oliver Le Neve* | Buckinghamshire | m.1st 14.7.1761 Mary Anne Drury d.30.12.1769
 Somerton Hall >>> Richard Hobart | b.17.11.1619 | Mary Hampden (iss.) | m.9.7.1684 Elizabeth | / |
 from Henry Cruch; >>> Mary Hobart | | d.bef.2.5.1689 | Maynard d.22.8.01 | m.1st Judith Britiffe | m.2nd 24.9.1770 Caroline Conolly
 son of Sir James >>> Ellen Hobart >> further five sons >> Alice Hobart >> James Hobart >> Henrietta Hobart
 Hobart, Knt, of Hales >> 4 dau's >> m. John Jermy >> John Hobart >> Catherine Hobart
 Hall, Loddon, Norf. of Plumstead, Norf. m.12.2.1577/8 Plumstead >> Thomas Hobart >> Dorothy Hobart
 (Attorney General Daniel Blennerhasset (N 22); >> Phillipa Hobart
 to King Henry VII) son of her mother's 3rd husband, William Blennerhasset (N 14) >> Mary Hobart

>>> John Hobart b.est c1539 >>>>>>>>>>>> >>>> Thomas Hobart >>>>>>>>>>>> >>> Jane Hobart >>>>>>>>>>>> >>> Thomas Kemp >>>>>>>>>>>> >>> Clement Kemp >>>>>>>>>>>> >>> <dau> Kemp
 of Thwait Hall; of Thwait Hall | m. John Kemp of Thwait Hall; / her father's heir;
 / | d.1606 Tottenham, m. Frances <???) m. <???) Witton She conveyed Somerton Hall manor
 m. Anne Tilney m. Anne Reymes Middlesex b.c1624 d.12.1.1691 of Wilby to John Horne of Wichingham in 1693
 of Shelly, Suffolk; of Overstrand | bur. St.Mary's Chapel, Ely
 dau. of Sir Philip Tilney (Oxstrand) Norfolk >> Anne Hobart
 >> Mary Hobart; m. Dr. Colby
 >> Elizabeth Hobart; m. <???) Pettus
 >> John Hobart; [VoN/156] has this John Hobart but does not show Jane Hobart - perhaps the same person ?

>> Anne Hobart; m. Nicholas Macye of Isle of Ely, Cambridge
 >> Mary Hobart; m. John Dye of Saxston, Norfolk
 >> William Hobart >>>>>>>>>>>> >>> Henry Hobart
 of Melton, Norfolk; m. >> Agnes Hobart
 Catherine Underwood; >> Frances Hobart
 of Cromer, Norfolk

