

The present Knight of Glin is author of: "Francis Bindon, his Life & Works" (1967), "Irish Portraits 1660-1860" (w. A.Crookshank 1969), "Ireland Observed" (M.Craig 1970), "Lost Demesnes: Irish Landscapes & Gardening 1660-1845" (w. Edwin Malins 1976), "Irish Gardens" (w. E.Malins 1977), "Irish Furniture" (Irish Heritage Series No.16, 1978), "Painters of Ireland c1660-1920" (AC 1979) "Vanishing Country Houses of Ireland" (1988) Watercolours of Ireland (w. AC 1994), Irish Watercolours c1600-1914 (w. AC 1995), Masterpieces by Irish Artists (w. AC 1999), "Ireland's Painters 1600-1940" (w. AC 2002), Irish Furniture, Woodwork & Carving (w. James Piell 2007), etc

>> (Clara) Nesta >>>>>> >>> issue (p.B 9)

Richarda FitzGerald

MBE (1918); b.c1864 Co.Kerry;

d.16.1.1945 Ballyseedy Castle, bur. Ballyseedy new churchyard [IT 27.1.1945];

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in the hall of Glin Castle (on right-hand wall by staircase arch) is a portrait in oil of Nesta in her court presentation dress, painted 1882 on her honeymoon at Rome by Norwegian artist Christian Meyer Ross (1853-1904); she spoke Irish & English;

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during WWI Nesta nursed with a VAD (Voluntary Aid Detachment) in the mediterranean on board Lord Dunraven's steamship "Greta" & steam yacht "Grianaig", in use as hospital/ambulance ships; she and Lord Dunraven becoming close friends; her dau's Hilda & Vera also nursed on Grianaig; Nesta was awarded the B.E.F. 1914-15 star (a.k.a. Mons Star; awarded to military personnel, & some civilians, who served in France or Belgium between 5.8.1914 & 31.12.1915), the British War Medal (for service abroad) and the Victory Medal (for all military & civilian personnel serving between 1914 and 1918); For her services Nesta was awarded an MBE 1918; her decorations are displayed at Glin Castle in a small frame adjacent to her portrait; her official medal record carries the a note that she ...served on Lord Dunraven's Ambulance ships Greta & Grianaig from Aug.14 [1914] onward but [the ships?] only became V.A.D. members April 16 [1916]...

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It was widely known that Nesta was the mistress of Lord Dunraven until his death in 1927; In 1922 she performed the naming ceremony for his new yacht, "Sonya", 554 tons [IT 17.6.1922]; When Lord Dunraven died he bequeathed to Mrs Nesta Blennerhassett £10,000 and "...an annuity of £1,500 during her life...", "...his two silver statuettes (one of himself), other articles, and Kenry House, Putney vale, and lands, and his house, 22 Norfolk Street, Park Lane, London...." [IT 22.1.1927]

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m.6.6.1882 at Glin Castle

Maj. Arthur Blennerhassett, MBE (1917/18),

DL, DL, JP (Magistrate); of Ballyseedy Castle, near Tralee, Co.Kerry;

b.26.6.1856 & bapt.11.7.1856 at Ballyseedy; d.3.5.1939 bur. Ballyseedy (p.B 10)

EARL OF DUNRAVEN:

At the start of WWI the 4th Earl of Dunraven (father of Lady Rachel FitzGerald, wife of the 27th Knight of Glin - R 6), well known politician, sportsman & yachtsman (who attempted to win the America's Cup in 1893 & 1895 with his yacht "Valkyrie") offered his home Dunraven Castle, Glamorgan as a convalescent home

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he also donated to the war effort his private 390 ton steamship "Greta", used as a hospital ship by the Australian Voluntary Hospital, and his large steam yacht "Grianaig" (built for him to a high standard by Scotts of Greenock 1904), with his personal services as its captain, used as an ambulance ship in the Mediterranean

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These ships were painted white, with a red cross on each side and large red strip around the hull, to deter German submarines; "Grianaig" was eventually returned to its owner as "...unsuitable for use as a hospital ship or patrol vessel..., but she served again during WWII as the "Lady Shahrazad"

>> Gerald Blennerhassett >>>> >>> son (d.young)

FitzGerald b.20.2.1842;

Capt. Royal Limerick Artillery; emig. to Manitoba, Canada

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m.5.6.1880 Sarah Georgina FitzGerald; b.1.8.1838; of Ballydonoghue

>> William Urmston FitzGerald; d.26.7.1878; unnm.

>> John Fraunceis >>>>> >>> Otho Blennerhassett FitzGerald; b.9.1.1885 d.18.11.1901

Eyre FitzGerald

b.6.6.1846

d.7.10.1924

emig. to USA 1878

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m.20.4.1882 New York

Mary Bedelia

Culhane, of Glin,

Co.Limerick;

d.6.5.1922

>> George Fraunceis >>>> >>> Gerald Joseph FitzGerald

FitzGerald LLB;

b.12.10.1886 d.19.4.1963

Lawyer, of Chicago;

edu. Chicago

Law School

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m.18.4.1909

Catherine Pearl

Veronica Walsh

of Chicago, Cook Co.,

Illinois, USA; d.1.6.1965

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>> Florence Clare FitzGerald

b.23.8.1883 d.21.7.1884

b.8.5.1910; of Chicago, Illinois, USA

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Lawyer & Politician; edu. Univ of Chicago

& John Marshall Law School (LL.B.1946; JD1970)

Hon. LLD University of East Florida (1971)

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Diplomat US Treasury Department;

A.D.M. on the staff of Governor of Nebraska;

Reporting Broker, U.S. Attorney Anti-Trust Division;

State's Attorney of Cook County, Illinois;

Hon. Commander, U.S. Navy Submarine Fleet;

Author of "The FitzGerald of Desmond"

& "Nebraska Admirals"

>> John Blennerhassett >>> Letitia Grace Blennerhassett; b.c1821 d.31.3.1915; bur. Crecora; unmm.
 JP; b.c1778; of the Protestant Aid Home, Co.Limerick, in 1915;
 d.1871 at Limerick; **[BIFR p.136]** shows this same Letitia Blennerhassett twice, in error;
 of Riddlestown Park; correctly in this generation (*as Laetitia Blennerhassett, d.unm*) and also incorrectly in the next generation
 of Whiskey Hall, (*as Letitia Grace Blennerhassett d.31.3.1915 unmm.; a dau. of John Brooke Blennerhassett*)
 Kilmoylan, Limerick

>> John Brooke >>>>>>>>>>>> John Frederick Blennerhassett b.1857 unmm.

Blennerhassett **perhaps(?) identical with:**
 of Rockfield, John Blennerhassett of 17 County View Terrace, Ballincurra, Co.Limerick 1912-14

Ballycahane, near Ballycahane, near
 Kilpeacon, Rathkeale, Kilpeacon, Rathkeale,
 Co.Limerick 1834-71 Co.Limerick

Magistrate (JP) [GV Lim. 1850-52];
 1834-38; Ballyneety, b.c1827;
 Co.Limerick Petit d.22.2.1892 Croom;
 Sessions 1838 **[BIFR p.136]** has
 ("Limerick Standard" d.22.2.1897 in error
 newspaper 30.3.1838);

held game certificate In 1870-8 he owned
 (licence for killing 1829 acres
 game) 1813-21; (Probably the same
 In 1830 signed a John Blennerhassett
 declaration against who leased land at
 the repeal of Union Finnoo, Kilmoylan,
 with Britain; in the Co.Limerick)

list of Landholders in /
 "Limerick Chronicle" m.7.12.1854 Dublin
 Sept/Oct 1832 Emmaline Maria

/ Manders
 m.1st ?.10.1807 of Brackenstown,
 at Littur, nr.Tarbet Co.Dublin
 <??> Wren, dau. of d.14.4.1865
 Thomas Wren of

Littur (probably dsp)

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 m.2nd 18.9.1817 (issue)
 Athlacca Church, Co.Limerick;
 Mary Anne Bennett of Ballincallow, Co.Limerick
 (See "Limerick General Advertiser or Gazette"
 22.9.1817 & "Limerick Evening Post" 22.9.1817)

>> Arthur Blennerhassett
 b.c1790 Co.Limerick;
 edu. TCD (SC PT 11.7.1807)

>> Rice Blennerhassett
 d.post 1835 (will dated 1835, transcript exists)

>> Richard Alfred >>>>>>>>>>>>
 Blennerhassett
 of Rockfield;
 Ballycahane, near
 Kilpeacon, Rathkeale
 b.7.7.1858
 d.23.12.1930 Rockfield
[IT 27.12.30 & 3.1.31]
 bur. Crecora

with the death of
 Arthur Blennerhassett
 of Ballyseedy Castle,
 Co.Kerry on 3.5.1939
 he became head of the
 family worldwide, i.e.
 the most senior of the
 ancient line of
 Blennerhassett of
 Co.Cumberland

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 m.30.8.1907
 Lousia Chomley
 Farran,
 of Toorleitra,
 Woodford, Galway

>> Rowland Manders >>>
 Blennerhassett
 of Rockfield;
 b.27.10.1860
 bur.23.1.1929
 at Crecora; unmm.
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 Listed in Limerick
 City Trades Register
 1886 as "Military
 Establishment"

>> Augustus (*not Gustavius*) Warter Blennerhassett
 of Quinsboro, Co.Limerick; unmm.

b.13.6.1862 Rockfield
 d.27.1.1898; bur.30.1.1898 [Limerick Chronicle 3.2.1898]
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 m.Apr-Jun.1894 Birkenhead, Cheshire
 to <??>

>> Mary Blennerhassett >>> John Wall;
 / d. shortly bef.1733;
 m. Maurice Wall; "...a young gentleman
 of Dunmoylan, of great hopes..."
 Co.Limerick;
 Barrister at law, >> Mary Wall
 "...an able lawyer..."

>> Eleanor "Ellen" >>> >>> Ellen Spiers
 Blennerhassett Gabbett b.bef.1733
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 m.1726 Co.Cloyne;
 Thomas Spiers Gabbett; b.post1700 Trivoli, Glanmere, Co.Cork;
 of Baggotstown, Co.Limerick; d.bef.1733;
 He m.2nd Mary Davies, of Donneybrook, Co.Cork

 >> Elizabeth >>>>>>> >>> issue
 Blennerhassett
 m.1733 William
 Harding of Carrigduff (Coomgriff,
 Croomgriff), Co.Limerick

 >> Christiana >>>>>>> >>> Richard Lloyd
 Blennerhassett | b.1731 d.1731/3
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 m.c1731 >>> Richard Lloyd b.1733/5
 Thomas Lloyd
 b.1703 d.1791; >>> son b.1735
 of Kildromore; |
 and of Dunnsallugh, >>> Ellen Lloyd b.1733/5
 Co.Limerick |
 >>> Anne Lloyd
 /
 m. William Lloyd of Tower Hill, Co.Limerick

>> Ellen >>>>>>>>>>>> >>> Mary Bailey
 Blennerhassett |
 d.bef.1695 >>> Ellen Bailey
 /
 m. Capt. Henry Bailey of Loughgur, Bruff, Co.Limerick

