







/"Brief Memorials of the Case and Conduct of Trinity College Dublin A.D. 1686-1690, compiled from the College Records" (Dublin 1858);  
 "Life of the Blessed Franco, extracted and englished from a verie ancienne Chronicle" (London 1858);  
 "The Old Countess of Desmond, her identitie, her portraiture, her descende.." etc (Dublin 1860), replied to by Sainthill;  
 another item <title? date?> in [MGH NS: vol 3, p.116];  
 publisher and editor of "The Kerry Magazine", the first Co.Kerry antiquarian journal, 1854-1856  
 Contributed to Notes and Queries"; contributed to "The Gentleman's Magazine" [GM] as follows:  
 2nd Series: "Etymology of Smerwick, Co.Kerry" vol.18 pt 2, Oct.1842 p.351-2; "Sir Isaac Newton" vol.18 pt 2, Nov.1842 p.491-2;  
 "Family of Roper, Baron of Bantry, & Visc. Baltinglass" vol.19 pt 1, Jan.1843 p.2;  
 "Historic Doubts respecting the Massacre at Fort del Ore" June 1849;"Autograph Letter of Queen Elizabeth" vol.32 pt 2, Jul 1849 p.31;  
 "Coningsby Family" vol.33 pt 1, Jan.1850 & p.2 Apr.1850 p.346; "Descent of Rev. Thomas Fuller & Mary Roper"  
 vol.34 pt 2, Oct.1850 p.346; Letter to "Notes & Queries" Series 2, vol.2, 23.8.1856 pp.154-155 (re: Queen Anne's foster-father)

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 at his death in 1861 he left unfinished a "History of the Earl of Strafford" and a "History of Kerry" - where are these Ms. now?

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 NOTE: c1858 (or 1855) he transcribed original c1736 MS of "Black Jack's Book" by Capt. John "Black Jack" Blennerhassett (d.c1738) of Castle Conway (p.K 01), a pedigree of Blennerhassett & related families c1580-1736; This MS he borrowed from John Hurly of Fenit House, Tralee (p.K 34); a brief letter of 25.6.1858 from him to Sir Bernard Burke, Ulster King of Arms, discussing this loan is now in a genealogical scrapbook in the library of the IGRS, London; Black Jack's Book was also transcribed in [BJB/OKR] by Mary Agnes Hickson (p.K 06), another prominent Kerry local historian; The location of the 1858 Rowan Ms is unknown to me, but a photocopy is at [NLI Ms.5629], listed in ["Hayes Manuscript Sources for the History of Irish Civilisation"]

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 d.12.8.1861 Belmont, Tralee; bur. in his family vault at Ballyseedy old churchyard (where is this vault?);

A marble memorial plaque & four brass chandeliers were erected to his memory at St.John (C.o.I.) Ashe Street, Tralee

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 Obituaries pub. in [KEP 14.8.1861]; [PRIA series 1, vol.8, 1861-4, p.91]; [GM Third Series vol.11 part 2 Nov.1861 p.565-6];  
 ["Memorial Pages to Archdeacon Rowan" Dublin 1862]; he has an entry "by D.J. OD" in [DNB 1885-1900, vol.49]

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 m.16.11.1825 (not 1821) Tralee;

Alicia "Alice" (not Mira) Thompson

b.c1800; of Tralee; d.1876 Tralee;

dau. of Anne Blennerhassett of Annadale House & Peter Thompson (p.K 45)

>> Arabella Margaret >>>>> Charles Fairfield >>>>>> >>> Letitia Fairfield

Blennerhassett Rowan

b.c1841 Co.Kerry

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b.13.2.1806 Tralee;

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|>> Winifred Fairfield

bapt.23.2.1806 Tralee;

Journalist; gunnery

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joined the

instructor with 2nd

|>> Cicily Isabel Fairfield >>>> Anthony West b.1919 d.1987;

Plymouth Brethren

Rifle Brigade, "Prince

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"*Dame Rebecca West*" author & critic; wrote a biography of his father,

/

Consort's Own",

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"H.G.Wells: Aspects of a Life" 1984

m.1833 Maj. Charles

serving in Canada;

b.1892 Kerry d.15.3.1983

Geo. Fairfield of Kerry;

received his

of Buckinghamshire

said to be illegitimate

commission from

& London; D.B.E. **Dame REBECCA WEST**

son of a Royal Duke;

Queen Victoria in

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outstanding journalist, novelist & critic (under her pen name "Rebecca West");

a gambler, he lost two

a private audience

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joined the staff of feminist paper "Freewoman" in 1911;

small inherited

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reported on Nuremberg War Crimes Trials 1945-46;

fortunes; d.1853

witnessed U.S. civil

author of numerous works;

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war battles and was

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(he previously

once pressed into

/

friend of Violet Hunt, Ford Madox Ford, Wyndham Lewis, George Bernard Shaw,

m. Frances Crosbie

bearer; he ran a saw

Charlie Chaplin & Max Beverbrook (proprietor of "Daily Express" newspaper);

b.bef.1803 d bef.1833,

mill in Virginia & a

see ["**Rebecca West: a Saga of the Century**" by Carl Rollyson 1995] etc

dau. of William Arthur

mine in Colorado

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p.1st 1913-1923 Herbert George "H.G." Wells **H.G. WELLS**

Crosbie, MP for Trim)

/

historian, novelist & science fiction writer

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m. Isabella Mackenzie

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NOTE: In his 1909 novel "Tono Bungay", H.G. Wells introduces a character

(he previously

service as a stretcher

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who "...had been maid to the widow of Sir Roderick Blenderhasset Impey,

b.bef.1803 d bef.1833,

bearer; he ran a saw

/

some sort of governor or such-like portent in the East Indies..."

dau. of William Arthur

mill in Virginia & a

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Sir Roderick perhaps based on Sir Arthur Blennerhassett Voules (1870-1954),

Crosbie, MP for Trim)

mine in Colorado

/

senior British civil servant in Malaya and Resident Councillor at Penang,

/

m. Isabella Mackenzie

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whose family had extensive interests in the rubber industry

(he previously

service as a stretcher

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m.2nd 1930 Henry Max Andrews

b.bef.1803 d bef.1833,

bearer; he ran a saw

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>>> Mary Rowan >>>>>> >>> Frederick Mullins

/

of Burnham House

m.10.6.1716

(p.K 19, p.C 04)

William Mullins

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b.1691 d.3.5.1761

m. Jane Collis,

of Ballingolin (later

living 1733;

renamed Burnham)

dau. of Avice

Dingle, Co.Kerry;

Blennerhassett

son of Martha

& Rev. Thos Collis

Blennerhassett of

(p.K 19)

Littur &

Frederick Mullins

>>> Ellen Rowan b.c1818

d.Jun-Mar.1878 Tralee

>>> Digby Fairfield;

served in the army;

d. aged 25 while

on leave from India

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>>> Arthur Fairfield;

Civil Servant with

the Board of Trade

/

>>> Edward Fairfield;

Civil Servant



>> Arthur Blennerhassett (alias B. Hassett); b.c1664 Co.Limerick; d.4.7.1696 unnm;  
 Medic (Doctor); edu. TCD (Pensioner 5.5.1682, Scholar 1683, BA c1685, MA c1688, Fellow 1688 (Medicus), BD Vern. "Senior Fellow" 1695)

John "Black Jack" Blennerhassett (p.K 01), in two versions of manuscript genealogy compiled c1720-1736 (the latter & more complete known as "Black Jack's Book") wrote an interesting note on this Arthur Blennerhassett; transcribed in slightly differing versions by Arthur Blennerhassett Rowan 1855/8 [**BJB/ROWAN**] and Mary Agnes Hickson c1872 [**BJB/OKR**] :-  
**"A man of singular probity, universal learning & sound judgement, fell unhappily, to the great regret and harm of his friends - ultra hunc tantum ostendunt (ostenderit) fata nec esse sinunt"**  
**The Latin translates as: "...The fates merely revealed this man and permitted him to live no longer...". i.e. he was prevented by death from fulfilling his potential**

**NOTE:** The first version of Black Jack's Ms., written in an 18th century account book, survives at [**PRONI Ms.D680/3/1**] as:  
**D.680 "Account Book, with genealogical notes on the Blennerhassett family, relating to roads in the Ardraw area, Co.Kerry"**  
 This original MS uses the word "harm" (pp. 9-10 of Ms.) as does Hickson (**BJB/OKR** p.40), but Rowan transcribed it as "shame";  
 Hickson dismisses the entire latin phrase as "illegible", but Rowan records it in full

>> Gerald "Gerard" >>>>>>>>> Arthur >>>>>>>>>> Hayes Blennerhassett; bapt.2.3.1728 St.John, Limerick; living 1732; unnm.

or "Garrett" Blennerhassett of Riddletown Park; (alias 'Hassett')  
 JP (Magistrate) 1736;  
 Recorder of Limerick 1736  
 d.post 1758;  
 (Will dated 1732);  
 of Co.Kerry;  
 also of Ballynogh,  
 Co.Limerick 1732

also Riddletown  
 also Riddletown Park, Dundonnell, nr Rathkeale, Co.Limerick, succeeding his nephew Judge Arthur BH (R 01) at Riddletown 1758; High Sheriff Co.Limerick 1756

**m.**  
**Christiana Bayley**  
 of Lough Gur, (Loughgur), Bruff, Co.Limerick

>> William Blennerhassett unnm.

>> Elizabeth Blennerhassett unnm.

#### THE DUBLIN HELL-FIRE CLUB

*The other Irish Hell-Fire Club was at Dublin, founded 1735 by Richard Parsons, 1st Earl Rosse (d.1741); this met at the Eagle Tavern on Cork Hill, outside Dublin Castle; at Daly's Club on College Green; & at a hunting lodge on Montpelier Hill, Rathfarnham, near Tallaght (this still stands)*

**an oil by James Worsdale, painted for 4th Lord Santry, depicts a group of members of the Dublin Hell-Fire Club seated at a table, drinking; this also hangs in National Gallery of Ireland, Dublin**

d.?..10.1775 in a boating accident;  
**[O'KEEFFE pp.405-6]** in error names Arthur's father as Arthur Blennerhassett, but he describes the event clearly: "being in a boat on the Lake of Killarney, and but a very few yards from the shore, in a gust of wind, the sail being up, he held a rope which was attached to a corner of it; a gail suddenly filling the sail, the rope slipped from his hand, the boat overset, and he was drowned - a party of friends and others close in view..."

**m. Margaret "Celinda" Hayes**  
 eldest dau. of Jeremiah Hayes (d.1732), of Cahir Guillamore (& other lands in Limerick); known as "Celinda" (sometimes written *Selina* in error)  
 "Celinda" Hayes is alleged to have been the only lady member of "Limerick Hell Fire Club"; formed in 1740, the club met in a red brick house erected c1740 next to the tower of the ruined Askeaton Castle, Co.Limerick; Ruins of the house survive

**He perhaps(?) m.2nd c1760s to Avis Blennerhassett prob. b.?.1.1733; d. of Edward Blennerhassett of Rossbeigh, Kerry; Co.Kerry; p.K 07); \* this is uncertain \* [BIFR p.138]**

>> Ellen Blennerhassett; bapt. 8.2.1729 at St.John, Limerick; unnm.  
 >> Gerald "Gerard" >>>>>>> Arthur Blennerhassett; bapt.6.10.1755 at Rathkeale; probably edu. TCD (SC 21.11.1772) or "Garrett" F. Blennerhassett Sr  
 >> Col. Gerald "Gerard" >>>> Arthur Blennerhassett; d. young; living 1774 (mentioned with his father in the Will of "The Great Colonel John" BH 1774 - p.B 01) Blennerhassett Sr.  
 b.1734/5 d.1774 (bef.19.11.1774); of Riddletown Park; Dundonnell, near Rathkeale; & Ranahan, Rathkeale  
 m.1st Miss <??> Wilkinson of Co.Cork; dau. of Joseph Wilkinson  
 m.2nd 26.6.1778 (or 2.6.1778?) Limerick [**"Walker's Hibernian Magazine" 1778]**

**Letitia "Letitia" >>>>>>>>>> Gerald "Gerard" >>>>>>>>>> Capt.Gerald FitzGerald >>>> Gerald Urmston FitzGerald Blennerhassett, JP, of Riddletown Park**  
**Grace Bateman** | Blennerhassett Jr. | Blennerhassett Jr. | b.15.9.1845 Rathkeale; bapt.16.10.1845; of Riddletown Park, | near Rathkeale; | b.8.2.1809 "...at his father's lodgings in Rutland Street..."  
 d. of John Bateman | b.est.c1780; | of Riddletown Park; | DL, JP, High Sheriff | Co.Limerick 1812-3, | sat on the Limerick Grand Jury 1831  
 of Altavilla, | of Riddletown Park; | DL, JP, High Sheriff | Co.Limerick 1812-3, | sat on the Limerick Grand Jury 1831  
 She d.2.5.1793  
 "...on her way to Mallow, Co.Cork..."  
 [HC] has  
 "...at Mallow..."; see [**"Waterford Herald" 9.5.1793]**  
 [**"Anthologia Hibernica" 7.5.1793 p.402]** and [**HC 9.5.1793]**

In smoking room of Glin Castle, to the left of the fireplace, is a pastel portrait of her mother Elizabeth Sadlier of Sopwell Hall Co.Tipperary (*who m.1745 John Bateman of Alta Villa, Co.Limerick*); This pastel came from Riddletown Park c1904

Described "...one of the most handsome men of his time" and "...his hospitality knew no bounds..." His portrait in oil, probably by Joseph Patrick Haverty, is on a chimney piece wall at Glin Castle  
 With his father he signed letter to the "Ennis Chronicle" Sept/Oct 1799, in support of the union of Ireland with Britain; also a declaration against the repeal of the Union, 1830

in 1843 Capt. Gerald FitzGerald Blennerhassett Jr, as Deputy Lieut. Co.Limerick, wrote letters of appeal in support of an Irish woman convicted of sheep stealing and sentenced to be transported Tasmania, his showing great compassion to an unfortunate and poor family; he tried several times to have her sentence of commuted to imprisonment at home, she being the mother of many children

>> Gerald Urmston FitzGerald Blennerhassett, JP, of Riddletown Park  
 b.15.9.1845 Rathkeale; bapt.16.10.1845;  
 "...one of the best men with the Co.Limerick hounds..." [**FYP**]; unnm.  
 d.c12.8.1886 at Riddletown Park [**"Limerick Chronicle" 12.8.1886**  
 bur.14.8.1886  
 >> Geraldine Francaeis Caroline Bridget Blennerhassett  
 b.9.7.1842; bapt.2.8.1842 Rathkeale

>> **Clara Urmston Elizabeth Blennerhassett**; b.16.12.1843 Rathkeale; of Riddletown Park, Rathkeale, Co.Limerick; d.1904 (dsp)  
**LAST OF THE BLENNERHASSETTS OF RIDDLESTOWN PARK**  
 In 1878 she owned 1142 acres; following her death the Riddletown Park estate was inherited by her 2nd cousin (Desmond) Fitzjohn Lloyd FitzGerald, 27th Knight of Glin (R 07)  
 m.19.4.1887; [**BIFR p.136**] has 19.4.1888 in error;  
 George Ralph Fosbery JP, of Kilgobbin, Patrickswell & Clorane, Co.Limerick; b.25.9.1854 d.5.1.1939 Clorane; bur. St.Nicholas, Adare  
 grandson of "Red George" Fosbery, who was 2nd "Master of Fox Hounds" of the Limerick Hunt (following Gerard Blennerhassett) whose portrait in oil by Joseph Patrick Haverty hangs on south wall of dining room at Glin Castle

b.27.10.1814 (**BIFR p.136**) has d.12.10.1879 and [**BIFR p.420**] d.12.10.1878)  
 eldest dau. of John Francaeis FitzGerald, 24th Knight of Glin, of Glin Castle;  
 sister of John "Jack" Francaeis Eyre FitzGerald (R 07); sister of Margareta Sophia FitzGerald (R 06)  
**Riddletown Park shortly before 1876 is described by Sir William Nott-Bower in his autobiography Fifty-two Years a Policeman (FYP) :-**  
 ...A typical old Irish family was that of the Blennerhassets, of Riddletown Park, near Rathkeale. Mrs Blennerhassett (Geraldine) was a daughter of a former Knight of Glin. The park was large, entered by a "tumble-down" Lodge, and a long drive overgrown with grass led to the house. The large entrance-hall was filled with tables, littered with newspapers, novels, hunting-crops, walking-sticks, hats and coats, in endless confusion; chairs with broken legs, and rickety cabinets loaded with priceless china, never cared for, and never dusted. The household consisted of only two or three good-natured, but absolutely inefficient, servants, though devoted to the 'ould' family. At Riddletown there was always the most cordial of welcomes and the truest







>> Gerald Blennerhasst > >> 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; unm.

>> John Fraunceis >>>>> >>> Otho Blennerhassett FitzGerald  
 | Eyre FitzGerald | b.9.1.1885 d.18.11.1901  
 | b.6.6.1846  
 | d.7.10.1924 >> George Fraunceis >>>>> >>> Gerald Joseph FitzGerald  
 | emig. to USA 1878 | FitzGerald LLB; | b.8.5.1910; of Chicago, Illinois, USA  
 / | b.12.10.1886 d.19.4.1963 /  
 | m.20.4.1882 New York | Lawyer, of Chicago; | edu. Univ of Chicago & John Marshall Law School  
 | Mary Bedelia | edu. ChicagoLaw School | (LL.B.1946; JD1970)  
 | Culhane, of Glin, | / | Hon. LLD University of East Florida (1971)  
 | Co.Limerick; | m.18.4.1909 /  
 | d.6.5.1922 | Catherine Pearl | Lawyer & Politician; Diplomat US Treasury Department;  
 | | Veronica Walsh | A.D.M. on the staff of Governor of Nebraska;  
 | | of Chicago, Cook Co., | Reporting Broker, U.S. Attorney Anti-Trust Division;  
 | | Illinois, USA; d.1.6.1965 | State's Attorney of Cook County, Illinois;  
 | | | Hon. Commander, US Navy Submarine Fleet;  
 | | | /  
 | >> Florence Clare FitzGerald | Author of:  
 | b.23.8.1883 d.21.7.1884 | "Nebraska Admirals" & "The FitzGerald of Desmond"

>> Thomas Otho FitzGerald; b.23.2.1849;  
 | Lieut. 27th Punjab Infantry; served in Afghan War  
 | d.21.11.1878, KIA at Ali Masjid, bur. at Peshawar

>> George William Massy FitzGerald  
 | b.5.7.1850; d.25.4.1872 unm.

>> Geraldine Elizabeth >> >>> >>> <dau.> Greer b.10.1.1866  
 | Blennerhassett |  
 | FitzGerald, | >> <dau.> Greer b.1.8.1869  
 | b.17.4.1836 Riddlestown  
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 | m.13.10.1863 St.Stephen's Church, Dublin  
 | **[BLG]** has m.13.12.1863 in error;  
 | Capt. Thomas Harpur Greer, Royal Artillery;  
 | b.5.4.1828; of The Grange, Moy, Co.Tyrone  
 | & of 8 Mount Street Crescent, Dublin (1863)

>> Clara Bridget FitzGerald b.7.8.1837 d.23.9.1850

>> Florence Sophia FitzGerald; unm.

>> Margaretta Maria >>>>> >>> Hugh Heneage Finch b.1871;  
 | Fraunceis FitzGerald | of Maryville, Limerick; Capt. RFRA;  
 | b.24.10.1841 | served at Ashanti & Northern Nigeria 1900-01  
 / | /  
 | m.1869 | m.1906 Amy Margaret Sandes;  
 | George William Finch | of Sallow Glen, Co.Kerry  
 | JP (Magistrate); |  
 | d.24.9.1907 | >> George Finch  
 | of Maryville, |  
 | Co.Limerick; | >> Otho Finch >>>>>>> >>> Desmond Otho  
 | Hon. Col. Limerick | of Rock Hill, Horsham FitzGerald Finch  
 | County Militia | Road, Sussex b.1910  
 / | /  
 | | m.1909 Florence Hilda Lucas;  
 | | of Fox Hunt Manor, Sussex  
 | | /  
 | >> Harry Finch  
 | |  
 | >> William Finch d.1900  
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 | >> Frederick Finch







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>>> Arthur Hassett >>>> >>> Patrick Arthur >>>> >>> Ellen V. Hassett; b.1871 d.1952
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Mary <??> | Hassett | /
| b.1839 Ireland | m.post1914; |
| / | Osmond Saunders (widower of her sister Mary Louise Hassett)
| In 1870 a clerk, | of 77 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY in the 1940s;
| of 409 Hudson |
| St., New York |
| City, NY, USA |
| / |
| In 1880 ran a | >>> Mary Louise Hassett >>> <??> Saunders >>> >>> <??> Saunders >>>>> >>> John Saunders
| liquor store; of | b.1873 d.1914 | /
| 80 Duffield St., | m.c1890 Brooklyn, NY; | NOTE: He says family legend is
| New York; | Osmond Saunders | "...that the name was shortened
| / | (he m.2nd his 1st wife's sister, Ellen V. Hassett) | from Blennerhassett at some point..."
| d.1900 |
| Brooklyn, NY |
| / |
| m. Ann Lee | >>> Anne Hassett
| |
| | >>> Anne T. Hassett
| |
| | >>> Arthur Patrick Hassett; b.1879
| |
| | >>> Genevieve Anna >>>> >>> Everett Bernhardt
| Hassett | |
| / | >>> Arthur Bernhardt
| m. William | |
| J. Bernhardt | >>> possibly further children
|
| >>> Margaret (Mary?) Hassett
|
| >>> Ellen Hassett

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