

>>> Ruth Blennerhassett >>> Elizabeth Browne

m.1st
Capt.Thomas Browne
of Gurteendrohid,
Co.Cork; d.1681;
"a Radnor Gentleman"
and land agent for
Castleisland to the
3rd Lord Herbert
of Chirbury;
[BIFR p.140] in error
has him dsp

m.2nd post1681
her cousin Thomas
Blennerhassett >>>>>> issue (p.R 2)
of Co.Kerry (R 2);
Deputy Seneschal for
Trinity College
Dublin's Munster
estates 1692-5; son of
Arthur Blennerhassett
of Ballycarty,
Co.Kerry &
of Loghur, Bruff,
Co.Limerick (R 1)
Perhaps(?) identical
with Thomas
Blennerhassett,
attorney, who in 1708
was executor for the
Will of Col. John
Blennerhassett of
Ballyseedy who
d.1709 (B 1 & K 14)

?
?

>>> Richard
Blennerhassett;
he is not mentioned
in "Black Jack's Book"
but was a witness to
the codicil of the 1708
Will of (his brother?)
Col.
John Blennerhassett
who d.1709 (B 1)
not certain that this
Richard was brother
of Col. John
Blennerhassett (B 1)
who else could he be?

>>> Arthur Blennerhassett
(alias Hassett);
b.c1693 Ballyseedy;
d.bef.1733; Edu. TCD
(Pensioner 1712)
NOTE: TCD "Alumni
Dublinenses" has his
father named Robert
Blennerhassett of
Ballyseedy, in error
for John B'hassett;
Robert was a family
name of the Castle
Conway, Killorglin,
Blennerhassetts

m. (dsp)
Frances Lucia Denny
of Tralee b.8.6.1701;
Niece of Jane Denny,
wife of her husband's
eldest brother John

b.2.5.1722 d.1779

m.13.11.1740
at Tralee Castle;
(1st cousin);
Sir Thomas
Denny Knt.
of Tralee Castle
d.3.4.1761
Provost of Tralee
Deputy Governor
of Kerry;
Col. of a Regt. of
Dragoons 1745;
Knighted in
Ireland 1.2.1743/4
by the Duke of
Devonshire, Lord
Lieut. of Ireland

1st Baronet "Denny of Castle Moyle"
cr. (BP has both 12.1.1782 & 12.5.1782;
FOSTER has 15.1.1782)

"Castle Moyle" is an error in the original
patent of the baronetcy, for "Castle More",
i.e. the "Great Castle" of Tralee, Co.Kerry

d.?/4/5.1794 (FOSTER has Oct.1794);
MP Kerry 1769-75, 1783-90 and
1790-4; High Sheriff Co.Kerry 1774;
Provost of Tralee

Col. Royal Tralee Volunteers 1779; Gen. of
Volunteers under the Earl of Charlemont, in
1782 reviewing all the Kerry volunteer corps
at Clounmore & Knockane, a corribale near
Tralee & at the west demesne in Killarney;
perhaps also Maj. in Kerry Militia 1793-4

>>> Mary Denny
b.20.7.1749

>>> Frances Denny
b.28.3.1752
d.?/4.1752

**ARABELLA
HOUSE**

>>> Arabella >>>>>>>> issue (B 6)
Blennerhassett
b.21.12.1726; d.21.1.1795 or 27.1.1795,
[BIFR p.141] giving both dates

"Arabella House" Ballymacelligott built
by her 2nd husband & named for her,
giving its name to the townland of Arabella
(a.k.a. Arbela)

m.1st Richard (Thomas) Ponsonby MP;
of Croitto, Co.Kerry.

m.2nd 1764 Co.Cloyne (1st cousin)
Col.Arthur Blennerhassett (B 6)

>>> Leticia Blennerhassett
of Tralee; unm.
b.28.2.1728 d.post1801;
Will dated 27.5.1801 (copy exists)

>>> Anthony Arthur Denny; b.16.9.1742 d.young

>>> Leticia Denny >>>>>> Rowland Bateman of Oak Park, Killeen, Tralee; m. (1st cousin) Arabella Denny (issue)
b.6.10.1743;
m.1758 Lt-Col. Rowland Bateman; MP Co.Kerry; MP Tralee; of Oak Park, Killeen, Tralee (now known as "Collis-Sandes House");
this is the house where Leticia's g.father "The Great Col. John" Blennerhassett died in 1775 & where
her 1st cousin John Blennerhassett was living shortly before his death at Nice, France in 1774 (B 1)

OAK PARK

>>> William Denny of Tralee; b.23.1.1744/5 unm; Thomas Denny b.25.6.1746; presumably d. an inf.
>>> Thomas Denny of Tralee (dsp); b.6.7.1747; d. Paris, France
>>> Robert Maynard Denny; b.2.1.1750/1 d.4.3.1752 Dublin
>>> Edward Denny; b.9.5.1753

>>> Jane Denny >>>>>> Sir Barry Denny, 2nd Baronet of Castle Moyle (dsp); of Tralee; High Sheriff of Kerry 1794 until elected MP Kerry 1794
b.28.8.1748 (briefly; having taken his father's seat unopposed); Major, Kerry Militia; d.20.10.1794, shot in the head
d.30.10.1811 during an election duel with Col. John Gustavus Crosbie (B 5), his cousin, at Oak Park, Killeen, Tralee (now known as "Collis-Sandes House")
Ireland 1.2.1743/4 At his death in 1794 Sir Barry Denny was about to be raised to the peerage, as Baron Castlemore;
m.1767 m.12.1.1794 (another source has m.13.1.1791; King & Fuller also have 1791)
(1st cousin) "the beautiful & fascinating" Anna (Anne) Morgell d.11.12.1844; of Mount Morgell (now Beechmount), Rathkeale, Co.Limerick, dau. of Crosbie
Col. Sir Barry Morgell MP (drowned himself at Dublin 9.11.1794, on hearing of son-in-law's death) & Mary Hickson of Rathkeale (m.1775 Rathkeale);
Denny, Bart. Anna m.2nd 29.7.1805; Gen. Sir John Floyd, Bart. (as his 2nd wife) whose dau. Julia Floyd m. Sir Robert Peel (British Home Secretary
who formed, in 1829, the London Metropolitan Police known as "Peelers" or "Bobbies", and later became Prime Minister);

DENNY, BARONET OF CASTLE MOYLE

NOTE: Anna Morgell was niece of Mary Morgell; also niece of a Melian Morgell who m.26.10.1776 at Rathkeale to a William Blennerhassett (p.IRE 8);
Her husband William Blennerhassett d.bef.1794 and was related to Arthur Blennerhassett, gentleman, of Tralee, who held a trust for Melian in 1794

>>> Agnes Anne Denny (dsp) d.19.12.1842; m.31.10.1798 Richard Francis Blennerhassett
b.23.5.1772 d.?/11.1827; son of Sir Rowland Blennerhassett of Blennerville, Tralee (K 20)

>>> Arabella Denny; m. (1st cousin) Rowland Bateman of Oak Park, Killeen, Tralee (now Collis-Sandes House); (issue)
>>> Charlotte Denny; m.18.10.1796 Rev.John Day; of The Manor; Rector of Milltown, Co.Kerry

BARROW

>>> Diana Denny >>>>>> Thomas (John) Collis of Barrow House; In 1870 he sold Barrow House to Robert McCowen of Tralee;
m. Thomas Collis
of Barrow House, m. ?/4.1836 Millicent (Melicent) Agnes Blennerhassett (K 29); b.c26.9.1810 Blennerville (see "General Advertiser" 1.5.1810)
Fenit, Co.Kerry

>>> Leticia Denny >>>>>> Rev. Archdeacon >>>>>> "Miss A.M. Rowan" FAMILY RESEARCHER; who in 1909 remembered her father "seeing off"
of Tralee Castle Arthur Blennerhassett the Spotswood Blennerhassett family when they sailed for St.Louis, USA, via Canada in 1831;
m.?/10.1799 Rowan DD, MRJA Re: Letter to Miss A.M. Rowan from Lord Ventry 2.4.1909 [NLI MS 20621]
William Rowan (also K27 & R 3); NOTE: Ms. "Rowan Papers" [NLI Ms. 20621] includes papers of & letters to "Miss A.M. Rowan" about
of Belmont, Kerry; descendants of Spotswood BH family of St.Louis, Missouri c1909 and general pedigrees of Blennerhassett

>>> Capt. William Rowan; Kerry Militia
>>> Arthur Edward Denny Rowan
>>> 2 further daughters

Rev. ARTHUR BLENNERHASSETT ROWAN

Local Historian and Antiquarian Writer
"an accomplished scholar & faithful Minister of Christ"

on 8.12.1801 he
leased Arabella
house & townland,
and Ahane, also in
Ballymacelligott,
"for life" for £300 pa;
a Dr Bottom resided
at Arabella in 1812
this is the house
built c1740-50 by
Col. Arthur BH
(B 6) and named
for his first wife;
Arthur BH ceased
residing at Arabella
and settled at Bath
about the time he
remarried in 1800

>>> Further 6 sons
>>> Further 2 dau.

>>> Sophia Denny >>>>>> Sophia Catherine McGillicuddy; b.1813 d.17.1.1890
d.1832;
m.26.8.1811

as a child lived at Arabella, Ballymacelligott, with his parents, from 8.12.1801 to c1812; Edu. TCD (BA 1821); d.12.8.1861; bur. "in the
family vault at Ballyseedy"; Marble plaque & 4 brass chandeliers erected to his memory at St.John's Ch. (C.of I.), Ashe St. Tralee;
Curate of Blennerville 1824-54 (supported Blennerville Parochial School at own expense 25 yrs); Rector of Kilgobbin (Clonfert) &
Ballinooher 1854-56; Archdeacon of Ardferd 1856-61; Surrogate of Consistorial Court of Ardferd & Aghadoc; Provost of Tralee
& later Recorder of Tralee; Treasurer of the County Infirmary 1861; Chairman of Tralee Harbour Commission & Chairman of
Canal Commissioners 1861 (responsible for building Tralee Ship Canal, opened 1846; p.K 24);
Kerry local historian & antiquarian writer; author of "The Spare Minutes of a Minister" 1837, "Lake Lore" 1853; Pamphlet "Tralee & its
Provost, Sixty Years On" 1860; "Kerry Genealogies" 1846 [NLI Microfilm POS 2786]; Publisher of "The Kerry Magazine" 1854-6;
Item in [MGH New Series: Vol 3, p.116]; When d.1861 he had in preparation a history of Kerry;
Author of numerous articles in "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, & Vice. Baltinglass" vol.19 pt 1, Jan.1843 p.2; "Autograph Letter of Q.Elizabeth" vol.32 pt 2,
Jul 1849 p.31; "Coningsby Family" vol.33 pt 1, Jan.1850 & p.2 Apr.1850 p.346; "Desc. 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.154-5 (re: Queen Anne's foster-father)
Obituaries pub. in [KEP 14.8.1861]; [PRIA series 1, vol.8, 1861-4, p.91]; [GM Third Series vol.11 pt 2 Nov.1861 p.565-6];
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 (K 1-2), a pedigree of Blennerhassett & related families c1580-1736; This MS he borrowed from
John Hurly of Fenit House, Tralee (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 (K 6), another prominent Kerry local historian; The location of the 1858 Rowan
Ms is unknown, but a photocopy (listed in "Hayes Manuscript Sources for the History of Irish Civilisation") is Ms.5629 at the NLI
m.1821 Alicia Thompson; d.1876 (dau. of Anne Blennerhassett of Annadale House & Peter Thompson - p.K 21)

there for a long time. It is probable that Thomas Blennerhassett & his wife, Alice (sic - in error for Avice) Spring, built this house and that their son, another Thomas Blennerhassett, then inherited..."; also that:

"...In 1814, a Mr.Mason was in residence and in 1821, a Mr.Eager (Eagar), but by 1842 it was a ruin..."; "The house stood in the South-East corner of Ash Hill townland, close to Arabella House & the Killarney Tralee road"

The above may well be true; however, a certain "William and Mary Blennerhassett of Ash Hill" had a daughter Sarah, b.1.1.1833 and bapt.5.1.1833 at Ballymacelligott;

Ash Hill House, Ballymacelligott is "...now a hole in the ground surrounded by trees, next to the school house..."

25.1.1777 near Tralee >>> Col. Arthur >>>>>>>>> >>> [BIFR p.141] says Col. Arthur "appears to have had issue, Edward Blennerhassett b.1755; d.4.11.1772 (dvp)" Blennerhassett
["Ramsey's Waterford Chronicle" 31.1.1777] has
[BIFR p.140] has
d.1.2.1777 in error
/
of Tralee, Kerry 1736;
of Listrim, Kerry; later
of Ash Hill House,
Ballymacelligott,
Co.Kerry;
of Limerick 1756-9;
Resident JP (magistrate) Co.Kerry 1736;
Surveyor of the Port of Limerick 1756

m.c1727
Avice (Avis) Spring
daughter of
Walter Spring and
Alice Blennerhassett
daughter of Robert
Blennerhassett
of Conway Castle,
Killorglin (p.K 1)

THE FAMILY COMPACT

In 1727 Thomas Blennerhassett was witness to the signing of an unusual "Family Compact" between the Denny family, Crosbie family, and the Ballyseedy branch of the Blennerhassett family (see B 1 for details)

THE DANISH SILVER ROBBERY

On 28.10.1730 ([KING] has Oct.1729) the Danish East Indiaman "Golden Lyon" accidentally ran ashore on Ballyheigue Strand, to the north side of Ballyheigue Bay; 12 chests of silver bullion & coin were saved, amounting at that time to £15,966 9s 6d; The silver was moved ashore and taken to Ballyheigue House, home of Thomas Crosbie (MP for Dingle; & MP Kerry in 1709) & his wife Lady Margaret Barry, where the chests were placed in the cellar of an old stone tower near to the house & guarded by the Danish crew; Thomas Crosbie died soon after (Will pr.12.5.1731), "...from exposure & fatigue in saving crew and cargo" [BIFR p.302]; Soon after his death, on the night of 4/5.6.1731, the chests of silver were stolen by a party of armed raiders. Several prominent local people came under suspicion, but most of those charged were acquitted and the Danish owners did not recover their silver; One local tradition has it that the silver was hidden under the floor of "Ardfert Abbey", also a seat of the Crosbie family

Col.Arthur Denny JP and Col.John Blennerhassett were assigned to investigate the robbery; Thomas Blennerhassett (d.1777) was, with Archdeacon Lauder, his wife & son, acquitted in 1734 at Tralee Court House of the charge of complicity in what became known as "The Danish Silver Robbery"; Arthur Crosbie (1688-1768) of Tubrid, Co.Kerry & Dublin (Clerk of the Peace & Commissioner of the Customs for Kerry), the uncle of Thomas Blennerhassett, was also acquitted (at Dublin, 1735) of complicity in the robbery; Arthur's brother Thomas Crosbie, of Banamore in North Kerry, a Colonel in the 19th Regt., was tried in 1735 and outlawed; David Lawlor, mentioned in the Lawlor Family History as one of the leading perpetrators of the actual robbery, was also acquitted

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NOTE: I have seen no evidence for this Edward and his 1755 d.o.b. conflicts with his parent's marriage date of 1764

b.5.8.1731 [FOSTER] has b.5.9.1731 in error); Resident JP Co.Kerry 1785, and probably 1797; "...a man of strict honour, particular, prudent..."; of Arabella House, in the townland of Arabella (a.k.a. Arbelia), Ballymacelligott (which house he built c1740-50, named after his 1st wife, the townland taking its name from the house) & the lands of Ballymacelligott; In 1799 he succeeded to entailed Ballyseedy estate (restricted to a male heir) including Ballyseedy House, inheriting from 2nd cousin (also his uncle, being his mother's brother) the other Arthur BH (1719-1799; B 3); His 1st wife d.1795; remarried in 1800 at Wells (nr Bath, Somerset), settling at Bath about that time; of 6 (not 8) Russell St., Walcot, Bath 1805-180(9?); shortly before 6.3.1807 he purchased 24 Circus, Walcot, Bath from Richard Milford & resided there 1807-10; his widow Mary continued at 24 Circus until 1821; "The Circus" (aka "Royal Circus"), designed by John Woods Sr & Jr, is one of the most admired buildings of Bath; *NOTE: Bath Poor Rate books record his house in the Circus as No.25 from 1807-11 and No.24 from 1812-21; this is odd as it was No.24 when purchased c1807 and at the time of his Will in 1805;*

He d.20.11.1810 in his house at 24 Circus, Bath ["Bath Journal" 26.11.1810] ["Bath Chronicle" 29.11.1810] ["The Cambrian" 1.12.1810 p.3] [GM Dec.1810 p.594 & Jan 1811 p.183]; bur. 27.11.1810 in crypt of St.Swithin's Walcot (Row 10 along east wall, grave 6) there is no inscription for him but his grave is indicated "Blennerhassett 1810" on early plan (now at Somerset Record Office, Taunton) of the crypt; his grave is shared with his cousin Arthur Blennerhassett of Ballyseedy who d.1815 (B 8) & that Arthur Blennerhassett's sister Frances Morris d.1818 (B 14); Will dated 15.6.1805, codicil 6.3.1807, pr.13.12.1810 London (PCC); described in his Will as "...now residing in the City of Bath..."

When Col. Arthur Blennerhassett died in 1810, the entailed Ballyseedy estates & house were inherited, not by the heir of his younger brother Thomas Blennerhassett (b.1736 - as would be expected under an entail but who appears to have been disinherited) but by his cousin Arthur Blennerhassett (d.1815) of Elm Grove, Ballyseedy, who as a result received "...an increase in fortune of £3000 per annum; In the 1774 Will of his uncle "The Great Col. John" BH, Col.Arthur is incorrectly described as the "only son" of his father Thomas BH (d.1777); this presumably to prevent his younger brother Thomas inheriting

MP Kerry 1775-76 & 1776-83 in Irish Parliament; "The election of 1775/6 was a memorable one in Kerry annals, being a trial of strength of Commoners against Lords, narrowly won by the former, after an unexampled struggle of six weeks' duration, for there was then no bounds set to the length of a contest..."; Col. Arthur Blennerhassett won the seat with a majority of 100; c1745-56 he was Captain in the Kerry Militia, in a Regt. of Foot (Regt. name unknown) commanded by Col. John Blennerhassett (B 1) "The Great Col. John"; Arthur was himself Col. commanding the "Kerry Legion" regiment of volunteers c1779-82 (also known as the "Palatine" or Ballymacelligott corps), mostly farmers of Palatine descent (also called "Germans") with a few other farmers and artisans; Their uniform was "Scarlet, faced black, edged white, white buttons"; Regimental Chaplain in 1779 was "Parson Jack", Rev. John BH, Rector of Tralee 1765-1803 (K 7); Officers included Maj.William Blennerhassett (B 7) of Elm Grove, Ballyseedy & Capt. Thomas Blennerhassett (K 7) son of "Parson Jack"; In 1782 he undertook to raise regiment of Fencibles for defence of Kerry & in 1783 the 1st Munster Provincial Regt. of Foot (Fencibles) was formed under his command, as Lt.-Col.

ARABELLA HOUSE (Arabela, Arbelia) with its demesne and the lands of Ballymacelligott

on Arthur BH's death in 1810, Arabella House passed to his wife Mary, for her lifetime, then on her death in 1821 to Arthur's 2nd cousin Frances Blennerhassett Browne (B 1) of Riverstown, Co.Cork who did not inherit her father's Ballyseedy estate because of the entail, it passing to her male cousin; from Frances Blennerhassett Browne, Arabella passed to her son Rev. John Browne of Cheltenham (B 1); Arabella House & townland, also Ahane, Ballymacelligott, were leased by Arthur Blennerhassett to "his kinsman" William Rowan (B 4) 8.12.1801; Dr Bottom resided 1812; Frances Peete resided before 1832; he & his son Hastings F. Peete resided at & paid rent for Arabella & part of Coolnadead, 1853; The Peete family acquired ownership following the Irish land acts of 1885 etc; Arabella house sold by the Peete family to the Finegan family in 1970; documents relating to Arabella are in "Leighton Hall Collection" of Browne family papers (823, box 25, bundle 19) at Shropshire Archives, Shrewsbury, England

m.1st 1764 Co.Cloyne; 1st cousin (issue, but see qualifying NOTE: above)

Arabella Blennerhassett (B 4) b.21.12.1726;

d.21.1.1795 or 27.1.1795, [BIFR p.141] gives both dates;

after whom "Arabella House" (built for her by her 2nd husband), and thus the townland of Arabella (a.k.a. Arbelia) gained its name;

Her 2nd marriage; She had m.1st Richard (Thomas) Ponsoby MP; of Crotto, Co.Kerry

m.2nd 9.1.1800 St.Cuthbert's Church, Wells, Somerset

(Margaret) Mary Coghlan b.c1759; of Wells, Somerset 1800;

widow of George L'Estrange, of Moystown, King's Co. (now Offaly); of 24 Circus, Bath, Somerset 1807-1821 (but see NOTE above about No's 24 & 25 recorded in the Bath poor Rate books)

she d.7.11.1821 at 24 Circus, Bath ("Bath Journal" has d.12.11.1821 & BP d.6.11.1821 in error); bur. St.Swithin's Walcot 14.11.1821 (her grave prob. in the crypt, could not find it); Will pr.10.12.1821 London, PCC (dsp)

dau. of James Coghlan of Cloghan House, Queen's Co. (now Laois)

Mary Coghlan was sister of Capt./Lieut-Col. Edmund Coghlan (66th Regt. of Foot; Lieut-Governor of Chester, b.1761 d.1828 London) who m. Amelia Bageley (of Dover, d.1833, her 2nd marriage)

& had an only child Edmund Blennerhassett Coghlan, of St.Clement, Sandwich, Kent; d.10.2.1832 at Deal, un. [TIMES 13.2.1832]. Will dated 29.4.1829, pr.25.2.1832 London [PCC];

Capt. Edmund Coghlan was, with Richard Frankland, of Great Island, Cork, trustee and executor of the Will of Arthur Blennerhassett in 1810

Mary Coghlan also had brothers James, Andrew & Charles; & sisters, Clarinda Coghlan (m. <??> Usher), Catherine Coghlan (m. <??> Keating), & <??> Coghlan (m. <??> Biggs); one of these four sisters

was the "Miss Coghlan of Bath" whose portrait Gainsborough attempted three times to paint (2nd in 1772) but with which he was never satisfied ["Coghlan records" pp.252-3; TIG vol.4 Issue 6 Nov.1973 p.546]

NOTE: Thomas Gainsborough (b.1727 d.1788) resided at Bath 1758/9-1774, at 14 Abbey Churchyard, 8 Ainslie's Belvedere and 17 Circus;

Edith Sitwell in her 1932 book "Bath" p.280 has him in error at 24 Circus, the house later occupied by Arthur & Margaret Blennerhassett

(Margaret) Mary Coghlan m.3rd (in two ceremonies)...

to Sir (Valentine) Richard Quin (no issue); 1st Baronet (cr.8.6.1781); Baron Adare of Adare, Co.Limerick (cr.31.7.1800); Viscount Mount-Earl (cr.1816); Viscount Adare (cr.5.2.1822); 1st Earl of Dunraven & Mount-Earl (cr.5.2.1822); b.30.7.1752 d.24.8.1824 (Will 24.8.1824, pr.10.12.1824 PCC); Edu. Magdalen Coll. Oxford; MP (Ire.P.) Killmallock 1799-1800; b.30.7.1752; of Bathwick, Bath, Somerset 1816;

this was his 2nd marriage (he having m.1st 24.8.1777 Lady Frances Muriel Fox Strangeways d.?5.1814, dau. of 1st Earl of Ilchester; issue 2 dau. & 2 sons, inc. Windham Henry Quinn, 2nd Earl);

(Gentleman's Magazine March 1816; Cork Morning Chronicle 13.3.1816; Ennis Chronicle 16.3.1816; "Complete Peerage" vol. IV, pp 547-8; "Catholicism in Bath vol. II: Registers, 1780-1825")

1st ceremony (R.C.) 24.2.1816 at Bath "...in the presence of the Servants..." ("Bath Journal" 4.3.1816)

2nd ceremony (C.of E.) 26.2.1816 at St.Mary's Chapel, Queen Square, Walcot, Bath (this Chapel demolished 1875); ("Bath Journal" 4.3.1816; "Cork Morning Chronicle" 13.3.1816)

NOTE: this reversed the legal convention of the time for mixed marriages - the C.of E. ceremony should by law have been held first

>>> Thomas >>>>>>>>> >>> From Thomas Blennerhassett of Ash Hill probably descend the "disinherited" Blennerhassett family of Ash Hill, Gortatlea and Blackbriar Blackbriar of Ash Hill House, Ballymacelligott; "The Disinherited"

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[Blennerhassett of GORTATLEA & BLACKBRIAR, Co.Kerry.](#)

Sr (1705-1785), this work completed c1788 by his son William Blennerhasset Jr ; [RM pp.22/142] and others suggest Elm Grove was new built in 1760s, but this appears not to be so If [RM] were correct about a 1760s date of first building the house, this would indicate both fireplace The present banqueting hall, in the 1821 north wing of Ballyseedy Castle, contains a primitive carved black oak fireplace surround, looking very much 17th century, probably taken from "old Ballyseedy"; above the fireplace is a "foundation stone" with initials & date 1721; this date appears to indicate the year the present house was erected as "Elm Grove"; If [RM] were correct about a 1760s date of first building the house, this would indicate both fireplace and stone were taken from the ruins of "old Ballyseedy", but this appears not to be the case

In 1821 (100 years after Elm Grove believed built 1721) Arthur BH (1799-1843) added the gothic north wing, with turrets and battlements in the fashion of the day, renaming the house "Ballyseedy" ("old" Ballyseedy, at the opposite, west end, of Ballyseedy Wood, by then falling into ruin); two identical stones in the North Wing display a shield with chevron & A * B 1821

The house at this stage is illustrated by an ink sketch titled "The Seat of Arthur Blennerhasset Esq M.P. Co.Kerry", in the collection of Glin Castle; this sketch dated c1837-41, his years as MP for Kerry; This 1821 work has strong similarities to Glin House, seat of the Knights of Glin, remodelled in similar fashion by John Fraunceis FitzGerald, 24th Knight of Glin (R 5) and renamed "Glin Castle"

Arthur Blennerhasset (1856-1939) had Ballyseedy Castle remodelled & refaced once again in 1880s, work of Kerry architect (also Kerry historian & genealogist and Blennerhasset descendant) James Franklin Fuller (p.K 16), this left the house as you now see it, with what had previously been the front face and main entrance now the rear of the house; the house is said to have 365 windows, "...one for every day of the year. ... Following this 1880s remodelling the house began to be called both "Ballyseedy House" and "Ballyseedy Castle" on a more-or-less equal basis

[HK p.107] in error takes Elm Grove and "new" Ballyseedy Castle to be different houses, stating that Elm Grove was "...almost opposite Ballyseedy Castle gates..." & "...Elm Grove is believed to have burned down towards the end of the 18th century..." , and that "...No trace remains..."; this is not so, the house "Elm Grove" still stands, renamed first as Ballyseedy 1821, then Ballyseedy Castle c1880, then "Ballyseede Castle Hotel" 1967;

The latest date I have found the name "Elm Grove" in use on any document is 1819

The greater part of Ballyseedy estate was sold to tenant farmers following Lord Ashbourne's "Land Purchase Act" of 1885; This made state credit available, enticing tenants to purchase the land they worked and landlords to sell it to them; see list of estate townlands on (B 11)

Ballyseedy Castle sold out of the family, by auction, in May 1967, to Mrs Eileen Sheraton of Galway, who with her husband Arthur converted it into a quality country house hotel standing in its 31 acre demesne, renamed "The Ballyseede Castle Hotel"; an auction of contents, "objets d'art, furniture, antique silver, china, etc" was held at Ballyseedy in June 1967

The hotel was again sold c1986 to Barth O'Connor of Boston, USA, whose forefather had emigrated to the USA from nearby Castleisland, Co.Kerry; He ran the hotel successfully for some years, then offered it for sale at an asking price of 4.5 million Euros

"The Ballyseede Castle Hotel" was purchased c2004 by Marnie Corscadden, who initiated a sympathetic program of renovation, decoration and extension that is bringing back something of the grandeur of this great old house, albeit as an hotel; in 2008 there are plans to build a west wing, for additional guest bedrooms

TOWNLANDS of the Ballyseedy estate (from GV Co.Kerry 1852)

spellings taken from the "General Alphabetical Index to the Townlands of Ireland 1851";

Townlands marked * are not always shown as such on modern maps

Townlands shown in **bold** are those appearing in GV Co.Kerry 1852 as part of the Ballyseedy estate, then belonging to Charles Blennerhasset (1830-1859)

BALLYSEEDY CIVIL PARISH

Ballindoganig (201 acres)

BALLYMACCELLIGOTT CIVIL PARISH cont.

Curraghmacdonagh (25 acres)

House School, Brighton 1841; Edu. Cheltenham College (Turnbull) Aug.1843-Dec.1844 [CCR]; JP; High Sheriff Co.Kerry 1858

d.9.12.1859 St.Anne's Hill, Blarney, Cork (one source has d.10.12.1859); bur. in the family vault , Ballyseedy old churchyard;

some sources say he died following hunting accident (Ballyseedy had a well known pack of hounds) but his obituary in [IT 16.12.1859] reports he "...had been suffering for some time from a painful and exhausting internal disease, which though moderated by, eventually baffled, medical skill..."

At Ballyseedy Church stained glass windows behind the altar and a brass plate underneath were erected in his memory by his son Arthur BH

m.26.9.1855 at Tralee; Mary Anne "Marianne" Hickson of The Grove, Dingle, Co.Kerry

Marianne m.2nd 12.6.1862 at Dublin; Capt. William Walker, Royal Lancashire Artillery; of Wood Hill, Bury [GM July 1862]

NOTE:

with the death of William Wynne Blennerhasset, (p.W 4), last survivor of the English Blennerhassetts, at Brooklyn, New

b.26.6.1856 Co.Kerry; bapt.11.7.1856 at Ballyseedy; Edu. Harrow; JP Co.Kerry; High Sheriff Co. Kerry 1876/8

Major, 4th (6th?) Battalion (mil.) Royal Munster Fusiliers from 1900; mem. British Legion

In 1873-86 owned 12,621 ac. in Kerry; gross value 1883 £4159, 1886 £4157 [IT 30.8.1886]; In 1900 the family was at *Devonport, Devon, England*

during the 1880s Arthur remodelled the house, using Kerry architect James Franklin Fuller (see NOTE to left); after this the house was known as either "Ballyseedy House" or "Ballyseedy Castle"; his headed notepaper had "Ballyseedy Castle"

"A well known figure in Irish hunting and racing circles", he acted as official starter for race meetings and inspector of courses to the Turf Club & Irish National Hunt Committee, "in which capacity he gave universal satisfaction"; in Arthur Blennerhasset's time Ballyseedy Hunt was run jointly by Arthur & Francis Chute of Chute Hall (K 35) ; "...their huntsman, wearing an old coat and ill-fitting breeches, would ride up & down the streets of Tralee blowing a horn to advertise that there was to be a hunt..."

"a fine judge of a horse", during WWI he was commissioned by the British Government remount department to purchase horses as army remounts in USA, Australia & N.Zealand; He performed this role from 1914 until the end of 1918, on his first such mission sailing from London to Melbourne, Australia, on the P&O Line SS "Morea", departing 31.10.1914; Mem. of the Kildare Street Club, Dublin (163 Kildare St. - he was resident there at the time of the 1911 census) and the Royal St.George Yacht Club, Kingstown

under Arthur Blennerhasset the Ballyseedy estate was broken up, agricultural land sold to tenant farmers following the Irish Land Purchase Acts of 1885 & 1903 [IT 13.5.1939]; only the demesne and Ballyseedy Castle Farm was kept The Blennerhassetts of Ballyseedy had a reputation locally as good landlords and neighbours, and "his relations with his former tenantry continued most cordial" [IT 13.5.1939]; this helped to protect the house during the war of independence and the following Irish civil war of 1922-23, when so many country houses were burned; "a story is told that during the civil war [when Arthur Blennerhasset was away, with Hilda & Vera at home] members of the IRA arrived at Ballyseedy, at night, threatening to burn the house; they gave the family and servants minutes in which to leave; Hilda said, "fair enough, I can see why you want to do it, and your point while the servants are dressing, and its such a cold night, come in and have a drink while you are waiting". So the potteen was broached and drinks poured & they drank 'til 7ish; they sobered up, thanked her & left. The house still stands..." [Brian Blennerhasset, Sligo];

In 1920 Arthur BH of Ballyseedy "was awarded £800 compensation for the burning of a house, his property" [IT 9.10.1920]; Was this Ballycarty House, home of the Nash family but a part of the Ballyseedy estate?

NOTE: The house servants in 1911 were Anne Murphy (b.c1881); Catherine Moore (b.c1891); Bridget Kelly (b.1882)

Arthur Blennerhasset d.3.5.1939 at Ballyseedy Castle [TC], [IT 5.5.1939 (2 items) & 13.5.1939];

bur.4.5.1939 Ballyseedy new graveyard, the first of his family to be interred there;

"Mrs. Blennerhasset was too ill in London to travel to the funeral" [IT 13.5.1939];

In 1956 a brass plate was erected in Ballyseedy Church, in memory of him and his family, by his daughter Hilda The "Arthur Blennerhasset Memorial Chase" horse race was established (where?), £150 prize in 1956 [IT 7.9.1956]

m.17.6.1920 St.Peter's, Cranley Gardens, Kensington, London Lt-Col. Verelst T. Worship, DSO; Royal Munster Fusiliers; of Ormsby, Norfolk (dsp) wedding had been planned for Ballyseedy, but instead took place quietly in London "owing to threatened dislocation of traffic in Ireland" [TIMES 6.5.20, 19.5.20, 22.6.20]

>>> Hilda Blennerhasset "**Miss Hilda**" of Ballyseedy Castle; succeeded 1939, jointly with Vera; b.29.9.1884 Ballyseedy Castle bapt.27.10.1884 Ballyseedy; confirmed 1900 Devonport, Devon; she spoke Irish & English; d.9.12.1965 Ballyseedy Castle; bur. Ballyseedy [IT 10.12.1965]; unm.

during WWI Hilda, with her mother & sister Vera, served as nurses with a VAD ("Voluntary Aid Detachment") on board Lord Dunraven's (R 5) yacht "Grianaig", in use as ambulance ship in Mediterranean; for her services Hilda was awarded the B.E.F. 1914-15 star (Mons Star), the British War Medal and the Victory Medal

Hilda was last of the Blennerhassetts of Ballyseedy, residing there until she d.1965; [TA pp.128-129] has a 1904 photograph of Hilda, Nesta & Vera boating on Caragh Lake, Co.Kerry, also verses written by Hilda in 1902

Hilda bequeathed Ballyseedy to Sir Adrian Blennerhasset, 7th Bart. of Blennerville, of London (p.K 40); as a child Adrian (b.1940) had spent holidays at Ballyseedy, his mother being a close friend of Hilda, so he knew the house well (see p.G 30); Sir Adrian inherited with the house a leather bound Ms. "Blennerhasset Pedigree" c1911 given to her father by the author, Lt.-Col. Edward Francis Jemmett-Browne (B 1); A microfilm of this Ms. is in [NLI ref. n.4216, microfilmed as POS 3887]; a better quality copy is in the private archives of Glin Castle, Co.Limerick

Ballyseedy Castle sold out of the family, by auction, in May 1967 (see NOTE to left)

>>> Vera Blennerhasset "**Miss Vera**"; b.1886 Ballyseedy Castle; spoke Irish & English; of Ballyseedy Castle (succeeded 1939, jointly with Hilda); b.18.11.1885 Ballyseedy Castle; bapt.7.2.1886 Ballyseedy (confirmed 1902 Ballyseedy); d.14.4.1942 Ballyseedy Castle [IT 25.4.1942]; bur. Ballyseedy; unm.

during WWI Vera, with her mother & sister Hilda, served as nurses with a VAD ("Voluntary Aid Detachment") on board Lord Dunraven's (p.R 5) yacht "Grianaig", in use as an ambulance ship in the Mediterranean; for her services Vera awarded the B.E.F. 1914-15 star (Mons Star), the British War Medal and the Victory Medal

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Rev. JOHN BLENNERHASSETT:
A portrait in oil of Rev. John Blennerhassett hung in schoolroom at Ryme Intrinsicca, presented to the school in his memory by his children, to mark his devotion to the school and to the village children; When the village school closed the portrait was placed in the church, where it hangs on the west wall; A photograph of the portrait is in the Stockwell Collection at the Dorset Record Office, Dorchester [DRO Catalogue Ref. D1733]; a label on this portrait says in error that he was rector 50 years, but he was incumbent 60 years (two of these as curate);
also at the Dorset Record Office are three copies of a draft conveyance for a piece of land, added by John Blennerhassett to the churchyard at Ryme Intrinsicca in 1890; this is in the Ffooks & Darlington (Sherbourne Solicitors) archive D/FFO

He owned land in Co.Kerry, originally part of the Ballyseedy estate (see NOTE to left)

d.27.4.1860, believed to have taken his own life; bur. Iwerne Minster, Dorset (*Suicide, verdict "temporary insanity" is recorded in the Iwerne burial register*); Will pr.7.7.1860 Blandford, Dorset; a stained glass window with two brass plates underneath were erected in his memory at Ballyseedy Church, Co.Kerry

Iwerne Minster is a large, prosperous and beautiful Dorset village, remembered well by me (B.J.) as the destination for one of my first expeditions in search of Blennerhassett history. I visited Iwerne on 20.1.1969 at which time the village still had its own vicar residing at the old vicarage, but as with so many Church of England parishes this is, sadly, no longer the case. The parish of Iwerne is now served by the vicar of

Rev. Rex Wells was the last vicar to reside (1951-1977) in the old vicarage at Iwerne; He kindly permitted me to view the original parish registers, then kept in the church safe. Before we viewed the registers he told me the vicarage had been built c1833 by the Rev. William Blennerhassett and that the ghost of Rev. William was said by local people to haunt the vicarage

His own family had personal experience of this, there being a well or water reservoir, inside an old greenhouse attached to the rear of the house, "...where the family will not go...". This well was fed by a natural spring, once the water supply for the house. Water from the well ran out of the greenhouse to form a pond in the garden, before flowing away as a stream

When himself drawing water from this "well" Rev. Wells had felt hands touching his own hands from behind, when no-one else was present. He also suggested that his wife thought the house haunted, as on hearing any unfamiliar noise or creaking floorboards at night, she would say "...there goes old Blennerhassett...."

The well is also described as a "cellar" so presumably was sunk into the ground; the "well" was open to view until sealed, following the sale of the vicarage c1977 to become "Devine House", a boys' boarding house for the nearby Clayesmore School

m.21.4.1835 (not 12.4.1835) [FOSTER] licence bond is dated 13.4.1835; at Donhead St.Mary, Wiltshire; **Emma Sophia Houssemayne du Boulay** b.6.7.1814 France (twin; British Subject) d.25.12.1896; Will pr.27.2.1897 London; of Donhead St.Mary, Wiltshire 1835; of Hollam House, Fareham, Hampshire 1881-1891 (with daughters Emma Sophia & Agnes); of Hollam Lodge, Titchfield, Hampshire 1897 (her son Arthur BH lived at Hollam Lodge, Fareham 1898-1911); dau. of Francis Houssemayne du Boulay, of Walthamstow, Essex

NOTE: Two brothers, both Anglican Priests in Dorset, married twin sisters

>>> (Gustavus Ad. Frederick Freke.) Crosbie Blennerhassett; of Ballyseedy; b.10.10.1803 Co.Kerry; d.24.2.1834; Edu. TCD (Pensioner 1823); unnm;

NOTE: this d.o.b. does not fit well with that of his brother John Blennerhassett b.3.3.1803

In Ballyseedy Ch. under stained glass window (St.John Ch.V, V.1-16) erected to his memory, is a brass plate "Gus. Ad. Fred. Freke. Crosbie Blennerhassett";

NOTE: Directly underneath and touching that is a second brass plate with date but no name, inscribed "Died 28th July 1877 aged 63 years";

This is the date of death of his brother Maj./Lt-Col. Barry Blennerhassett b.1814/5 d.28.7.1877 (see p.B 14);

This inscription appears to be a reject engraving, the plate reused installed blank side up, but now the engraved side has been exposed in error;

NOTE: There was another Crosbie Blennerhassett at Tralee in 1875; who was this?

DORSET

>>> Rev. John >>>>>>>> Elizabeth Blennerhassett; b.1836, bapt. 26.6.1836; d.1837, bur.30.5.1837, all at Ryme Intrinsicca, Dorset

Blennerhassett b.3.3.1803 Elm Grove, Ballyseedy Edu. Hyde Abbey & TCD (Pensioner 1821, BA, MA)

Ordained 1826; first Curate (1830-32) then 58 years Rector (1832-90) of St.Hippolytus, Ryme Intrinsicca, near Sherbourne Dorset; Vicar of Hermitage, Dorset from 10.7.1834,

a "visitor" at Iwerne Minster 1861; of Hollom House, Fareham, Hampshire (with mother; & sisters Emma Sophia & Agnes) 1881-1891; of The Grange, Osborn Rd, Fareham (with sis. Emma Sophia & Agnes, bro. Arthur) 1926-28; d.13.7.1928; Will pr.7.12.1928 London; unnm.

>>> William Blennerhassett; b.23.8.1845 d.22.6.1917 [TIMES 27.6.1917]; Will pr.30.8.1917 London; Edu. Eton 1858-1860 (dsp); Indian Civil Service; graduate of "Bengal Civil Service" 1869; co-author of "Report of the Regular Settlement of the Hardoi District, 1872-77" (pub. Allahabad 1880); District & Sessions Judge (NW Provinces) 1889; High Court Judge, India (Central Provinces) 1896; Acting High Court Judge (NW Provinces) 1896; Second Additional Judicial Commissioner of Oude, India 1899; In 1873 Indian Civil S. Officer "5th Class" (4 years' standing); Most of his life spent in India; retired to England, a pensioner on "Bombay Civil Fund Register"

NOTE: Either Bombay (Mumbai) or Calcutta (Kolkata) once had a street named after a Blennerhassett, but this street may have been re-named. It may have been named for this William BH, or Sir Arthur C.F.B. BH (ass't commissioner, Indian Civil Service - Central Provinces - K.

INDIA

of South Stoneham, Hampshire 1911; of "Netley Firs", Netley Firs Road, Hedge End, Botley, Hampshire 1907-17; This Georgian house, owned c1844-59 by Keans/Keane family, said to have been demolished 1937 & a new house "Copper Beeches" built on the site; but another source says "Netley Firs" still stands as the "Southern Counties Conservative Club; "...The entrance to the house was through a stone porch into a hall, with a light coloured parquet floor. The first floor reached by way of a fine stone staircase. As with most large residences of the period, there were also servants quarters. After demolition, the wine cellars were intact - but, doubtless, empty. A small cottage in the grounds had possibly been used by a gamekeeper. In WWII, some of the timber from the woods was used in Southampton during the blitz, to making ramps to protect fire hoses..." ("The Changing Face of Hedge End, Hampshire" by Joyce B. Blyth);

In 1860 William BH inherited a good part of his father's lands in Kerry (see left), becoming an "Absentee Landlord", a species not popular in Kerry; "The Kerry Sentinel" 17.9.1904 published a sarcastic letter (headed "The Blennerhassett Property", & signed "A Friend", Castleisland), about high rents charged his tenants through his land agents, "...the well-known firm of philanthropists, "Hussey, Denny & Huggard..."; The letter also makes uncomplimentary references about his uncle Tom Blennerhassett's (B 11) behaviour as a landlord "half a century ago", calling him "Thomashen na Ghark" ("Little Tom Rooster") & "...arch-rackreuter of Ireland..."; This contrasts strongly with the local view of the larger but "resident landlord" Blennerhassett estate at Ballyseedy, which was generally regarded as a good landlord

m.26.5.1904 Isabella Sara Ancketill; dau. of Maxwell Ancketill of Leatherhead, Surrey; of Windmill House, Bursledon, Hampshire 1923-37; b.c1855; d.9.2.1937 at Windmill House

>>> Capt. Arthur "Art" Blennerhassett RN (Cadet 1862, Lt. 1879, Lt.Cmdr 1881, Capt.1898); b.13.3.1847 Iwerne Minster, Dorset; of Hollam Lodge, Fareham, Hants 1898-1911 & The Grange, Osborn Road, Fareham (with sisters Emma Sophia BH & Agnes BH) 1926; (sisters Emma & Agnes BH were at Hollam House, Fareham 1881-91; brother William BH was nearby at Hedge End 1907-17); d.12.8.1926; Will pr.14.12.1926 London; unnm.

joined Royal Navy 12.3.1861; Naval Cadet on HMS "Black Prince" 1862 (the second ocean-going iron-hulled armoured warship, following HMS "Warrior" in the two-ship Warrior class, these two, briefly, the most powerful warships in the world) [TIMES 5.7.1862]; Acting Lt. on HMS "Dryad" (149 crew) 1871; commanded HMS "Nautilus" 1879, from its commission [TIMES 9.7.1879]; At HM Naval Base Devonport 1881 (1881 census lists him twice, on HMS "Nautilus" but also on HMS "Impregnable"; he commissioned the gunboat HMS "Stork" (built 1882, 4465 tons, 360 hp, 2x64 pounder & 2x20 pounder guns) at Sheerness 3.1.1883, attached to the "Chatham Steam reserve" [TIMES 25.12.1882 & 4.1.1883]; in command of "Stork" at St.Helena 12.8.1883 [TIMES 30.8.1883]; Subscriber to the book "Plymouth Armada Heroes - The Hawkins Family" by Mary W. S. Hawkins, 1888; **Coastguard at East Cowes, Isle of Wight 1895; Appointed to succeed Capt. Carpenter, RN as commander of the Coastguard on the Isle of Wight, following Capt. Carpenter's retirement; in the interim period the duties were carried out by Mr Rogers, chief officer ("Isle of Wight County Press" newspaper 8.6.1895 p.5 - report from East Cowes)**

>>> Francis "Frank" Houssemayne Blennerhassett; b.20.1.1850 Iwerne Minster

>>> Emma Sophia Blennerhassett; bapt.28.9.1851 I.Minster; d.29.12.1925; admon. 7.8.1926 & 25.9.1926 London; unnm.; of Hollam House, Fareham, Hampshire (with mother & sis. Agnes) 1881-91; of The Grange, Osborn Rd, Fareham (with sis. Agnes & bro. Arthur BH) 1926

>>> Agnes Blennerhassett; bapt.18.2.1853 I.Minster; d.10.11.1926; admon.1 pr.8.4.1927 London; of Hollam House, Fareham (with mother & sis.Emma Sophia) 1881-91; of The Grange, Osborn Rd, Fareham (with sis. Emma Sophia & bro. Arthur BH) 1926-27; unnm.

>>> (Elizabeth) >>>>>>>> Sir (Arthur) >>>>>>>> Sir (Augustus George) Digby Warren, Bart; 7th Baronet (succeeded 1914); MBE (1945)
Georgina Augustus Riversdale b.23.10.1898 d.20.1.1958 Switzerland; unnm.; Edu. Harrow & RMC Sandhurst; Blennerhassett John Blennerhassett Served in both WWI & WW2; WWI Lt. 7th Hussars 1917-25; bapt. 11.8.1838 Ryme Warren, Bart; WWII from 1939 Major 17th/21st Lancers, serving in N.Africa & Italy; succeeded as Bart. 1914 by his cousin Col. T.R.P. Warren of Cahir, Co.Tipperary d.10.4.1893 (succeeded 1893); b.11.3.1865; [FOSTER] has 1868; [BIFR p.141]; but b.11.3.1865; [FOSTER] has 1868; [BP] has d.10.11.1893 6th Baronet of Warren's Court, Co.Cork; landowner; JP Co.Cork; Lt. 3rd Battalion, The Royal Munster Fusiliers (Rifles?); d.28.8.1914; His obit. in [IT 3.4.1914] mistakenly gives date all relating to his father, not to him ! m.12.1.1898 Agnes Georgina Ievers; of Inchera, Co.Cork; d.?.10.1950

The Parish Registers of Ryme Intrinseca, held at the Dorset Record Office, have at the front of the volume for "Baptisms 1813-1992" a note that "John Blennerhassett was inducted to Ryme in 1832 and Hermitage in 1834"

John Blennerhassett had a strong interest in the welfare and condition of Dorset farm labourers

REV. JOHN BLENNERHASSETT'S inheritance from the Ballyseedy est:

Rev. John Blennerhassett (1803-1890) of Ryme Intrinseca, Dorset in 1876 owned 2374 acres in Co.Cork (GV Co.Kerry 1852):-

Parish of Clondrohid, Co.Cork:

Kilmountain, Lacktifym

Parish of Clonfert, Co.Cork:

Killowen

RYME IntrinSECA

One of Dorset's most poetic village names, Ryme Intrinseca evolved from two adjoining manors at Rima or Rym, known as "Ryme Intrinseca" (inner) and "Ryme Exteinseca" (outer); the latter has long since disappeared as a place name [SHRI p.2];

The church at Ryme Intrinseca is one of two in England dedicated to Saint Hippolytus, the dedication appearing on a 1298 grant by Edward I to Humphrey de Beauchamp; St.Hippolytus was the goaler in charge of St.Lawrence and it is said that the example set by this man during his imprisonment so impressed Hypolite that he became converted to the Christian faith [RICG p.3]

THOMAS BLENNERHASSETT'S LANDS

Thomas Blennerhassett (1805-1878) of Shanavally owned land in these Kerry townlands, all originally a part of the Ballyseedy estate [GV Kerry 1852]: These lands were mostly let to tenant farmers, see notes to right >-->

Parish of Ballincuslane:

Kilcusaun;

Parish of Ballymacelligott:

Gortshanvally (Gortshanavalla); West Ballydwyer; Cloghmore;

Parish of Killiney:

Killiney townland;

He also had lands at:

Inch (probably Inch House, Ballinvoher), Inch Island (Annagh) & Ardrae; at Dromin, Dunmasicheen, Dungeel, Lismacfinan, Auglout, Toorcennaslighaur, Glennagillah, Muingaphuca, Coomnafarider, Kilcurtna & Riverville; He leased further lands from his nephew Charles Blennerhassett of Ballyseedy at Ballymacelligott, West Ballydwyer, Clohermore, Gortatlea, Gortshanvally/Gortshanavalla, Kilkerry and at Ballyseedy;

The greater part of these lands were sold to tenant farmers following Lord Ashbourne's "Land Purchase Act" of 1885; This made state credit available, to entice tenants to buy land & landlords to sell it to them

History of HMS "Lightning" (18 guns)

1829 Launched at Pembroke;

1829 Capt. T. Dickinson, Plymouth then South America Station (Mate Nevinson De Courcy Blennerhassett, see right)

1832 Returned home, crew paid off at Portsmouth;

1832 Renamed HMS "Larne", the name "Lightning" being needed for a steam vessel at Woolwich;

1832 Capt. William Sidney Smith, North Sea Station, where she grounded; then the West Indies& Halifax Station

1836 Portsmouth;

1837-1844 Capt. P.J.Blake, East Indies

1844 Capt. John Brisbane, Coast of Africa

1848 Sheerness;

appointed c26.6.1834 following the death of Rev.Hobson [IE][TFP 26.6.1834] to 188:

JP (Magistrate) for Dorset 1871-5;

Commissioner of Land Taxes 1889;

In 1876 owned 2374 acres in Cork (see left) in [Pigot's Directory for Dorset 1830]; [Cheltenham Looker-on" vol.II No.19

6.9.1834] reports him recently arrived & staying at 21 Glyde's Terrace, Cheltenham; ["Kelly's Directory of Dorsetshire" 1889]

d.5.9.1890 Ryme Intrinseca; Will

pr.16.3.1891 PPR; admon.14.9.1907 London

bur. in his family vault at Ryme Intrinseca;

Inside the church are two memorials,

erected by his widow and the parishioners

m.21.10.1834 Heddington, Wiltshire;

Elizabeth Houssemayne du Boulay

b.6.7.1814 France (twin) British Subject;

(dau. of Francis Houssemayne du Boulay

of Walthamstow, Essex)

of Heddington, Wiltshire 1834; of

4 Charlotte Row, Weymouth, Dorset 1881

as widow, of Chesterfield Hse, Esplanade

Weymouth 1895-1904 ["Kelly's Directory

of Dorsetshire"]; d.4.2.1904 Weymouth;

Will pr.9.4.1904 Blandford, Dorset;

bur. in family vault at Ryme Intrinseca;

in the church is a brass wall plaque erected

by her daughter Bunnie, Lady Headley

NOTE: Two brothers, both Anglican Priests in Dorset, married twin sisters

SHANAVALLA

LODGE

Shanavally

>>> Thomas "Tom" Blennerhassett, "Mr Tom"; b.18.10.1805 at Elm Grove, Ballyseedy; d.25.5.1878; of Ballyseedy and of Shanavalla Lodge, Shanavally, Ballymacelligott; also of Inch on the Dingle Peninsular; both in Co.Kerry; Edu. TCD (Pensioner 1823); Gentleman farmer

Thomas Blennerhassett had houses & property at Tralee & extensive lands in other parts of Kerry, in 1873/6 owning 5995 acres; In 1873 his nephew John du Boulay Blennerhassett lived with him at Shanavally & had a further 1352 acres there; Shanavalla Lodge (Shanavally) was built as a hunting lodge by the Blennerhassetts of Ballyseedy, mainly for the shooting around Castleisland; The lodge was later sold by the Blennerhassetts to the Burns family, who remain there

"The Kerry Sentinel" 17.9.1904 published a sarcastic letter (headed "The Blennerhassett Property", signed "A Friend", Castleisland), about high rents charged tenants by Tom's nephew William BH (B 10); This letter also makes uncomplimentary references to Tom's role as a landlord "half a century ago", calling him "Thomashen na Ghark" ("Little Tom Rooster") & "...arch-rackrenter of Ireland..."; This contrasts strongly with the popular view of the Ballyseedy estate & other Blennerhassett landowners, regarded as good landlords

"Mr Tom" was a good friend to neighbouring farmers John Arthur Blennerhassett (1829-c1896) of Gortatlea & Glenageenty (see G 30) and his brother Arthur Blennerhassett (b.1825) of Gortatlea (see p.G 30); John Arthur Blennerhassett, after his younger brothers Tom (G 34) and William Arthur (G 36) went to New Zealand c1875, found it necessary to put in excessively long hours of hard labour & travelling between the three properties, over several years, to keep their farms going as well as his own and to pay off mortgages that he guaranteed on their properties (This continued until brother Tom returned to his farm from NZ c1881; William Arthur stayed in NZ); In this endeavour John Arthur was actively helped both by his brother Arthur and by their friend "Mr Tom" Blennerhassett of Shanavally; The two brothers were at Mr Tom's bedside the night before he died (25.5.1898), when Tom signified an intention to assist his friends in their difficulty with a bequest; At the suggestion of Parson Foster, the matter was "deferred until tomorrow"; but tomorrow was too late

In Ballyseedy Church he placed, under windows, brass plates in memory of his mother Dorcas BH, d.2.8.1822, & his brothers Henry & Barry

ROYAL NAVY

>>> Lt. Nevinson de Courcy Blennerhassett, R.N. (known by his second name 'de Courcy'); of Ballyseedy House, Co.Kerry;

b.6.8.1811 at parent's house 12 George Street, Bath, Somerset ("Bath Chronicle" 15.8.1811 - FOSTER has 1806 in error); d.13.3.1853 unm.

Joined Royal Navy; Appointed Mate 2.8.1831; A Mate was at that time rated as Petty Officer, so not being included in "Navy List" until 1842

when Mates became commissioned officers; Listed in error as "Mate M.D. Blennerhassett" in "Marshall's Royal Naval Biography" 1833;

Promoted Lt. 18.10.1844 but continued to serve as Mate until 18.10.1847 (Re: Navy List 1847) then as 2nd Lt. 1847-1850

Served on HMS "Lightning" (18 guns) c1829-32 (Mate from 2.8.1831), which ship "...was refitting at Rio after a trip to the pacific when news was received on 5.12.1830 of the loss on Cape Frio of frigate "Thetis" bound for England with gold and silver bars and other treasure. After striking the cliffs she had drifted along the coast, finally breaking up in a small cove. The general opinion was that the treasure was irrecoverable, but this was not shared by Capt. Dickinson who, 'a gentleman of considerable talents', offered his services..."

A British civil engineer, Mr Moore, who was residing in Rio, improvised diving bells using iron tanks from "Warspite". These were suspended at first from a massive derrick built by the carpenter, Mr Jones, and after, when that was smashed to pieces in a gale which

Major Sir Augustus She m.2nd 21.5.1924 George I. Hartt of Whitehill, Riverstown, Co.Sligo

Riversdale Warren

edu. Cheltenham College & Oxford;

5th Baronet of Warren's Court, Lissada, Co.Cork; succeeded 1863; b.24.8.1833 d.1.4.1914; army, 20th Regt of Foot, joined 1852;

served in Crimea, Russia 1854-55 and during the Indian Mutiny 1857-58; wounded at Lucknow; Major 1863;

Hon. Col. 4th Battalion, Royal Munster Fusiliers (Special Reserve); DL Co.Cork; JP Co.Cork & Co.Kerry; High Sheriff Co.Cork 1867;

his 1st m.; he m.2nd 5.2.1898 Ella Rosa Chichester d.26.10.1946 (dau. of Gen. J.O.Chichester; Div. wife of Col. F.W. Clarkson, 39th Regt.)

>>> Geraldine >>>>>> >>> Geraldine Mabella Wingfield-Digby; d. an infant

de Courcy

Blennerhassett; bapt. 24.12.1843 Ryme Intrinseca, Dorset;

d.17.1.1913 at Chetnole House; bur. Ryme Intrinseca (inscription has 17.1.1914 in error; another source 17.12.1913 in error)

m.10.8.1869 at Ryme Intrinseca

Major William George Digby Wingfield-Digby, JP; of Thornford & of Chetnole House, Sherbourne, Dorset;

b.18.7.1834 Geashill, Ireland; d.27.2.1907 at Chetnole; Major in 2nd Warwickshire Militia

>>> Elizabeth "Bessie" > >>> Avis Millicent >>>> >>> issue (Crosse)

"Bunnie"

Housemayne

Blennerhassett d.29.4.36 Chelsea >>> <dau.> Llewellyn

bapt.24.4.1846

Ryme Intrinseca;

d.?10.1928 London;

bur.30.10.1928

Ryme Intrinseca;

m.1st 27.4.1896 Herbert Dudley Hinton Crosse (issue)

of Newell House, Sherbourne, Dorset, d.18.10.1908;

m.2nd 29.11.1911 (or 29.4.1911?)

Dr. R. Llewelyn Jones Llewellyn MB, MRCS, LRCP; d.19.4.1934 (issue)

m.31.10.1867 London; Right Hon. Charles Mark Allanson Winn, 4th Lord Headley, Baron Allanson & Winn;

b.4.12.1845; d.13.1.1913; Representative Peer for Ireland (B 3);

Baron Allanson & Winn, of Aghadoe House, Killarney, Co.Kerry; 10th Baronet of Nostell, Yorks;

4th Baronet of Little Warley, Essex; DL & JP Co.Kerry, JP Essex & Middlesex; Owned 12,769 acres in

Kerry 1876; Lt.-Col. Cmdg 4th Battalion The Royal Munster Fusiliers, and Capt. Cmdg Light Horse HAC.

>>> (Ada) Dorcas Blennerhassett; bapt.18.3.1848 Ryme Intrinseca, Dorset; of Ryme Intrinseca 1848-74; m.10.2.1874

at Ryme Intrinseca; Capt.(Maj.) William Frederick (Edward?) Chapman KDG; of London; 1st Dragoon Guards; b.22.2.1843

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B 14

and when she and Sir William separated she returned to Elm Grove with her daughters. After her father's death in 1785 she returned to Bushfield (the Godfrey home)...'
[JGK]
/
m.15.8.1761
at Ballyseedy (...her fortune on marriage £4,000...)
["Faulkner's Dublin Journal" 22-25.8.1761];
/
Sir William Godfrey, 1st Bart. of Bushfield, Co.Kerry (Baronet of Ireland, cr.17.6.1785)
/
of Milltown, Co.Kerry (6331 acres); later known as Kilcoleman Abbey; b.1738;
MP Tralee 1783-90
MP Belfast 1792-7
Created Bt. of Milltown Kerry 1785
/
"...he kept a mistress, Catherine, and had about 10 illegitimate children..." [JGK]
/
d.21.1.1817 "...during the great fever that swept Ireland that year..." [JGK];
[BP] has d.23.1.1817 & [FOSTER] has d.19.1.1817 in error

of Cormore, Co.Antrim; b.1772 d.1852
/
Sir John Godfrey was trustee of the Will of Arthur BH of Ballyseedy & Bath d.1799 (B 3); with Richard Frankland (B 7) and Rev. James Archibald Hamilton (B 3)
/
NOTE: In 1835 he recommended for employment as R.I.C. Constable William BH b.c181 of Co.Cork, Protestant - who is this? (p.IRE 12)

Leeson-Marshall; of Callinafercy, Co.Kerry
/>> Sir John Ernest >>>> >> Sir William Mauric >>>>
Godfrey; 6th Bart. of Bushfield Co. Kerry b.28.3.1864 d.31.7.1935
/
m.26.10.1897
Eileen Mary Currey of Lismore, Co.Kerr;
/>> Hubert Charles Godfrey b.1867 d.1882 unnm.
/>> Mebel Edith Godfrey d.2.5.1892
/
m.9.8.1890 Markhan Leeson-Marshall; of Callinafercy, Co.Kerry (issue)
/>> Helen Gertrude Godfrey
/>> Mildred Feridah Godfrey
/
m.1899 Rev. Samuel Waldron-King MA; Precentor and Rector of Kilkeshen, Co.Clare

Godfrey, 7th Bart. of Bushfield, Co.Kerry; b.8.3.1909
/
m.9.10.1933
Caroline Iris Robins; of Rusthall Grange, Tunbridge Wells

Mary Constance Godfrey
/
m.10.9.1927
Richard Barton Corbett Edwards; of Bridgnorth
/>> Dorothy Louisa Godfrey

>> Helen Ursula Godfrey

>> Lt. William Fermor Godfrey; b.8.1.1831; 2nd Regt. of Foot; d.1877

>> Henry Arthur Godfrey; b.21.5.1834 d.1891

>> Charles George Godfrey; b.1836

>> Lt. Alfred James Godfrey; 24th Regt. of Foot

>> Cecil Edward Godfrey

>> Edmundbury Godfrey

>> Christina Godfrey d.9.3.1902;
m.3.8.1850 Sir Richard Wood GCMG, CB; d.21.7.1900 (issue)

>> Helen Isabella Godfrey; d.7.7.1895 unnm.

>> Emily Godfrey unnm.

>> Rev. John Godfrey; d.1849 unnm.

>> Henry Alexander >>>> <2 daus>
Godfrey;
b.24.8.1803; 72nd Highlanders; d.1888;
m.10.7.1827 Mary Wood; of Woodville, Co.Sligo; d.1882

>> Robert Godfrey b.6.10.1807; unnm.

>> James George Godfrey JP; b.4.6.1808; d.1894;
m.31.3.1843 Mary Isabella Maunsell

>> Richard Frankland Godfrey; b.10.3.1810; unnm.

>> Anne Godfrey d.1889 unnm.

>> Agnes Godfrey; unnm.

>> Eleanor Godfrey; d.12.1.1854;
m.26.8.1934; Very Rev. John Godfrey Day, Dean of Ardferit; d.1878 (issue)

>> Rev. William >>>> >>> Edward Godfrey; of Kilburn House, Milltown, Co.Kerry; d.1872; b.18.4.1803
 Godfrey | m.28.9.1942 Lucy Christian (issue)
 b.22.12.1764
 Elm Grove [AR >>> Barbara Godfrey; m. James Hickson; of Lansdown House, Co.Kerry
Ballyseedy bible];
 Rector of Kenmare. >>> Agnes Godfrey
 Co.Kerry;
 d.6.4.1847 >>> Lucy Margaret Godfrey
 Kenmare | m.1st John Curry of Milltown, Co.Kerry
 / | m.2nd Rev. Charles Peter Thomas
 m.1796 Lucy Day
 b.c1770 d.1861 >>> Eleanor Godfrey

Probably descended from this family is:
 John Blennerhassett Godfrey, b.c1814 Kilkenny;
 moved to London; Surgeon, of 3 Mount Place,
 Whitechapel Road, London 1841;
 author of "The Means of Preventing the Downfall
 of the British Empire" pub. London 1882;
 In May 1841 charged with assaulting Mr Thomas
 Godfrey, his cousin [TIMES 20.5.1841];
 In July 1856 charged with "letting off fireworks on
 the night of 4th July, being the first Friday of July,
 the day of Firlorp Fair" [TIMES 21.7.1856]

>> Maj. Luke Godfrey >>> Elizabeth Godfrey;
 b.c1766 | m. <??> Barnes, of Dublin
 d.22.6.1836 | >>> Isabella Godfrey
 /
 m. Susanna Colles-Meredith; dau. of Sir Barry Colles-Meredith, Baronet

>> Agnes Godfrey; b.1772 d.16.10.1854

>> Barbara Godfrey; d.?11.1817 Killarney

>> Leticia "Letty" >>> >>> Horatio de Courcy : >>> Edward Horatio >>> >>> ?????????????????? >>> ?????????????????? >>>
 Godfrey | Martelli | de Courcy Martelli;
 b.c1768/9 Co.Kerry ? | / | b.c1843 Milltown, Co.Kerry
 d.1.6.1850 ? | m. <??> | /
 / | m. <??> | m. <??>
 m.19.10.1789 | >>> Agnes Martelli
 at Bushfield; | m.c1836 Robert Crawley
 Capt. (Norton)
 Charles Martelli; b.c1761; d.13.2.1819 Tralee;
 Lt. & Capt. 69th Regt. of Foot; of Lismore House, Ratass, Tralee (which house he built)

>> Philippa Godfrey
 m.29.10.1806 St.Anne's church, Shandon, Co.Cork (2nd cousin);
 Richard Frankland of Ashgrove, Co.Cork; barrister-at-law; d.?2.1811
 son of Dr Richard Frankland & Agnes Rogers;
 grandson of Agnes Blennerhassett & Robert Rogers (B 7);
 NOTE: a trustee of the Will of Arthur Blennerhassett (d.1799) of Ballyseedy & Bath (B 3);
 with Sir John Godfrey (B 8) & Rev. James Archibald Hamilton (B 3)

>> Catherine Godfrey

>> Margaret Godfrey
 m.24.11.1801 John Mahony; of Dromore, Co.Kerry; d.1818

>> Elizabeth Godfrey
 m.1.6.1800 Jacob Mark of Cork; a Quaker; b.12.11.1774; d.21.10.1826 at Rutland Street, Cork

>> Arabella Godfrey; b.1776 d.1853
 m.11.8.1798 Rev. John Day, Rector of Killallagh; d.26.5.1817 Waterville, Co.Kerry

DISCONNECTED BALLYSEEDY REFERENCES...

John Blennerhassett of Ballycarty (Will 1681)
 John Blennerhassett of Ballyseedy (Will 1685)
 John Blennerhassett of Ballyseedy (Will 1714)
 John Blennerhassett of Ballyseedy (Will 1716)
 These four do not seem to fit; Not sure how reliable these are,
 or if these dates represent a Will dated or proved...

Mrs Alice Blennerhassett; d.1765, there was a memorial
 (in old Ballyseedy Church ?) (Will 1765 - Ardferit & Aghadoe diocese)

Mrs Blennerhassett; bur.18.4.1821 Ballyseedy old graveyard (C.of I.) - also B 3

Eliza Blennerhassett; bur.9.8.1821 Ballyseedy old graveyard (C.of I.)

Robert Blennerhassett; bur. 21.3.1826 Ballyseedy old graveyard
 (NOTE: Robert is a family name of the Killorglin Blennerhassett family)

Mrs Anne Blennerhassett bur.19.12.1827 Ballyseedy old graveyard (C.of I.)

Arthur Hassett >>>> >>> Arthur Hassett bapt.1.11.1861 Tralee (RC)
 of Ballyseedy;
 m. Anna Hogan
 (see also p.G 53)

Lt. William Blennerhassett; served in the army; Ensign on 27.7.1855 and in 1856 (presumably to 10.9.1858)
 with the 39th Regt. of Foot (Dorset/Dorsetshire Regt);
 Lt. 10.9.1858 with 21st Regt. of Foot (Royal North British Fusiliers), with four years of paid service

Thomas Blennerhassett; served in army in Australia with the 39th Regt. of Foot (Dorset/Dorsetshire Regt)

Who are these? they do not appear to be from the Dorset family at Ryme Intrinseca or Iwerne Mins also on p.E 1