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HASSETT or BLENNERHASSETT family of ROCKLAWN, CLASH, BALLYMACKEY in Co.TIPPERARY

Family tradition strongly supports the view that these Hassetts were at one time Blennerhassett, and some former neighbours in Co.Tipperary refer to them as having been Blennerhassett; however, other descendants of this family have doubts; in the absence of documentary evidence of the use of the name by this family **in Tipperary,** the Blennerhassett descent is not proven.

>>|>> <???> Hassett >>>>>>>>>>: >>|>> Arthur Hassett; b.c1783; d.1873 Nenagh Registration district **[OCM v.3 p.519]**;
(alias Blennerhassett???) | listed in **[GV Tipperary 1850-51]** as occupying a house at Clash, but no offices or land **[OCM v.3 p.519]**
/ |
m. <???> |>>: John Hassett >>>>>>>>>> >>|>> Tryphena Hassett; b.5.6.1865 Clash;
/ | (alias Blennerhassett?) | perhaps(?) identical with Tyrphena H. who m. Jul-Sep.1892 at Nenagh, to <???>
This family was C. of I. | farmer, |
| of Rocklawn (Home Farm), |>>: Mary Anne Hassett; b.20.6.1866 Toomevera
| Clash, Ballymackey |
ROCKLAWN, CLASH | (near Toomevera), |>>: Sarah Jane Blennerhassett >>>>: >>|>> Mabel Hodgins (Preedy?); Schoolteacher; d.;
| Nenagh, Co.Tipperary | (alias Hassett) perhaps(?) identical with Mabel Gladys Hodgins b.26.3.1904 West Ham, London; d.Oct-Dec.1974 Redbridge, London
connection to the main line of the Blennerhassett family is unknown and further information, particularly documentary evidence of use of the name Blennerhassett by this Rocklawn Hassett famiily while still in Ireland is requested.... | b.c1803 (*where?*) | /
/ | b.11.7.1868 Toomevera; c1892/96 she moved to London, with her bro.
said to have lived with a brother before his marriage; | Joseph Hassett; her youngest brother Thomas "Tom" Hassett lived with her after leaving Ireland c1892/96; these two and her brother William Hassett were boarding with her 1901 at 56 Laurence Avenue, East Ham;
civil marriage record has him named John Hassett, not Blennerhassett | d.23.11.1940; bur. Little Ilford Churchyard, Ilford, East London (plot 36E)
/ | /
| m.31.12.1890 Ballymackey, Co.Tipperary
/ | William Hodgins (not Preedy) ***NOTE: One of the sisters (not Sarah Jane) was chief housekeeper at Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York, USA***
d.30.10.1889 Rocklawn | b.c1841; Army pensioner 1901
bur. in family plot at |
bur. Culliwane Burial | >>>: Elizabeth Hassett b.18.9.1869
Ground (near Moneygall |
Family tradition in some branches of this family strongly supports the view that these Hassetts descend from Blennerhassett, but other branches have doubt and Blennerhassett ancestry is not conclusively proven | and Cloughjordan ?) |>>: John William Hassett >>>>>>>> >>|>> John William Hassett b.1917
/ | of Rocklawn; farmer | d.29.10.1933 at Rocklawn;
[GV Tipperary 1850-51] | b.14.7.1871 Clash | bur. Culliwane with parents
as John Hassett with a house, offices & land at Clash in 1850 | d.26.2.1932 |
| farmer, worked the family farm at Clash, Ballymackey Nenagh, Co.Tipperary; | |>>: Thomas "Tom" Henry >>>>>: >>|>>>
/ | bur. Culliwane Burial Ground | Hassett; b.c1919; |
/ | / | emig. to British Columbia, |
perhaps(?) m.1st to <???> | m. Jan-Mar.1916 | Canada 1947; of Powell River |
/ | Borrisokane, Co.Tipperary; | BC; d.13.4.1978 |
However, the Clarke family at Knockane (T 03), a neighbouring farm to the Hassetts at Rocklawn, referred to the neighbours at Rocklawn as having been Blennerhassett, saying they had dropped the Blenner later | m.(2nd?) 11.8.1864 (he aged 61 years) at Templederry (C.of I.) | Elizabeth "Lill" Jane Williams of Moderenny, | /
/ | Cloughjordan, Co.Tipperary; | m.1948 Amelia O'Neill |>>>
Sarah Jane Markby | d.20.5.1931; | of Ireland |
(age 19) of Templederry, Co.Tipperary; | bur. Culliwane Burial Ground, with husband and their children Tryphena, John & Richard | |>>: Richard "Dickie" Ernest |
b.3.9.1844/5 | | Hassett b.1920 d.26.6.1973; |>>>
English speaking, no Irish; | | farmer, of Rocklawn; unm. |
(witnesses to the marriage were John A. Lewis & George Mooney) | | bur. Culliwane with parents |
d.Apr-Jun.1932 Rocklawn | | following his death Rocklawn was sold out of the Hassett family to John Grace of Kilnafinch, Toomevara. Since then the farmhouse has been unoccupied and is now a ruin. |>>>
NOTE re: Templederry, Co.Tipperary; On T 04 is a Katherine Blennerhasett b.c1864/6 Templederry; of Killavalla, Templederry 1890; she m.8.9.1890 Thomas Dagg; There may be a connection | bur. Culliwane Burial Ground | >>>: <dau.> Hassett | |
/ | b.14.4.1873 Clash | |>>: Joseph "Joe" Albert Hassett; |
11 children | | b.1922; emig. to Canada 1949 |
/ | >>>: William Hassett | of Powell River, BC, Canada |>>>
NOTE Sarah Jane Markby was related to Sarah Markby of Co.Tipperary, who m.1905 to Joseph Blennerhassett, Blackbriar (Skagduve) Co.Kerry (p.G 24) | b.17.6.1875 at Clash; | *Joe may be unique in being able to say that his grand-father was born before the battle of Trafalgar (1805)*
/ | a boarder with his sister Sarah Jane Hodgins at 56 Laurence Ave., East Ham, London 1901; | /
/ | Railway Goods Porter 1901; | m.1954 Ruby Webster
| Policeman in London, England | of Scotland (no issue)
| / |
| NOTE: Another brother |
| (not Joseph Blennerhassett) | >>>: Tryphena Blanche Hassett
| may also have been a | b.1925 d.17.3.1926
| Policeman in London | bur. Culliwane with parents

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Katherine Blennerhasett >>
b.c1864/6 Templederry,
Co.Tipperary;
of Killavalla, Templederry
/
m.8.9.1890 St.Audoen (C.o
Thomas Dagg; b.bef.1869;
Co.Tipperary 1890; son of

?

?

Because of the age difference this was almost certainly a 2nd marriage, but that is unproven...

>>> Timothy Hassett
b.c1815
d.1865 Nenagh Registration District

>>> Joseph Blennerhassett >>>>>>> >>>
b.23.7.1877 at Clash
/
Moved to London c1896 with his sister Sarah Jane Hodgins, with whom he was boarding at 56 Laurence Avenue, East Ham, London 1901
/
Drapers' Assistant Fitter 1901
/
Served in army Veterinary Corps at Woolwich, London in WWI;
Commercial Traveller, with Rylonds (Ryans?) of Wood St. London;
later of Shirley, Croydon, Surrey;
d.10.1.1940 Shirley
/
Joseph was the only one in his family to retain use of full surname, Blennerhassett; his brothers used Hassett
/
m.cMay1911
Imelda Ethel Hazeldene;
she managed "Blennerhasset General Drapers" at 131 Wickham Road, Shirley, Surrry, from c1930. During WWII her shop suffered bomb damage and in 1945 the business was sold, out of the family but it continued to be operated under the Blennerhasset name until 1968, or perhaps later
/
Her sons Roland & Denis Blennerhassett worked with her in the business until they joined the army at the outbreak of war in 1939
/
She m.2nd 1945 Alfred Pearce of West Wickham

>>> Richard Hassett
b.26.6.1879 Clash;
He may be the son who c1930 was in a mail order business at Manchester or Birmingham

>> Roland Patrick >>>>>>>>>>> >>>
Blennerhassett;
b.19.5.1912 Norbury, Croydon, Surrey; Draper
d.11.2.1996 Halifax, N.S. (RC Obituary 13.2.1996;
/
Served in army WWII;
emig. Quebec, Canada 1948
/
Trust Officer with "Royal Trust Co." until 1966, when moved to Halifax, N.Scotia to work with E.M.I.Cosser; of Bridgetown, & Windsor, & Annapolis, Nova Scotia;
Manager of "Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron
/
Director Sport Nova Scotia;
Ham Radio pioneer call signs
VE3APP, VE1AUL, VE1KH
/
contributed to the "Chronicle-Herald" news-paper, Halifax, Nova Scotia;
A great traveller & travel writer; author of numerous articles and photographs of the Far East & Australia published in Nova Scotia newspapers
/
m.6.6.1938 Croydon, Surrey;
Olive Emily Guyatt;
of Nova Scotia;
b.25.3.1912

>>> Dennis Joseph Blennerhassett
b.26.3.1915 Addiscombe, Croydon; d.15.9.1999;
of Shirley, Surrey & of Thornton Heath, Surrey;
Draper (see advertisement, left);
served in the army WWII;
Commercial Traveller
/
m.c1946
Muriel Anne Pretious
d.c1991/2

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TWO-BY-TWOS:

The Clarke and Hassett family farms adjoined each other; in the early 1900s both families, previously Church of Ireland (C.o.I.) Protestant, joined a new non-conformist religious community known to outsiders as the Two-by-Twos;
The Two-by-Twos are the largest of three groups which branched off from a religious movement founded in Ireland by evangelist William Irvine in 1897;
(The other two groups are those who continue to follow the founder, known as "The Testimony", and the followers of early "Worker" Edward Cooney, known to outsiders as Cooneyites" or "Workers and Friends");
The community has no formal name or title but is typically referred to among its members as The Truth or The Way;
Outsiders call them the Two by Twos or No-name Church;
The movement had about 2000 members in Ireland
/
The Hassett and Clarke children were educated separately in a small stone building, still standing in 2003.
Formal education ended at age 11 or 12, when they went to work the land or at whatever else was needed on the farm;
Alchohol was forbidden and "...the only need for reading was to be able to read the Bible..."; Later in the Clarke family there was a division over religion, following which Irene stayed with The Truth but her brothers drifted away

|>>: Ellen Jane Hassett >>>>>>>>>> >>|>> Irene Clarke >>>>>>>>>>>>: >>|>>>

Ellen Jane Hassett: b.20.8.1881 Clash; d.13.7.1964; bur. Culliwane Burial Ground
/
m. George Francis Clarke; b.c1886; of Knockane, Toomevera; Knockane is the farm next to Rocklawn, Clash
/
Some of the Hassett children from the neighbouring farm Rocklawn, Clash, moved into the Clarke farm at Knockane; at some date George is said to have worked his own farm and and the Hassett farm
/
d.17.2.1961; bur. Culliwane Burial Ground

Irene Clarke: b.17.3.1915 d.
/
m. Sam Smyth

|>>: Eric George Clarke >>>>>>>: >>|>>>

Eric George Clarke: b.8.9.1912 Knockane; moved to Cheltenham, Eng.; d.30.9.1986 Cheltenham
/
m.Oct-Dec.1950 Cheltenham; Ellen Barry; b.12.5.1925 (RC); Drumcolligher, Co.Limerick; moved to Cheltenham, England; d.13.4.2004 Cheltenham

|>>: Imelda Doris Clarke
b.c1923 d.2.8.1927; bur. Culliwane Burial Ground, with her parents

|>>: Herbert Clarke

|>>: Leslie Clarke of Knockane

|>>: Thomas "Old Tom" Henry >>>>: >>|>> Stanley "Stan" Alwyn >>>>>> >>|>>>

Thomas "Old Tom" Henry Hassett: b.15.3.1885 at Rocklawn, Clash, Co.Tipperary; youngest child; d.1963
/
c1892/96 (after his father died in 1889) he was sent to live with his sister Sarah Jane Hodgins at Tottenham, London, with whom he was boarding at 56 Laurence Avenue, East Ham, London 1901
/
Engineer's apprentice 1901
/
of Mitcham, Surrey c1940-63
/
he said that he dropped the Blenner from his name when he was "nationalised" (presumably he meant naturalised, after his move to England, but this is odd as he was already British citizen)
/
Worked at the Dennis Engineering Co., Guildford; Chief Engineer at the London Gear Works, Brixton
/
m.1.8.1908 at Guildford; Rosa Minna "Rose" Gould of Mere, Wiltshire & Guildford b.1887 Corfe Castle, Dorset d.1960

Stanley "Stan" Alwyn Hassett: b.13.5.1909 Edmonton, Hertfordshire
/
m.Jul-Sep.1933 Lambeth, London (Surrey); Katie "Kit" Marguerite Maud(e) Brothers b.12.1.1912 Sheffield d.c31.1.1978 Thanet, Kent

|>>: Eric Aubrey Hassett >>>>>>> >>|>>>

Eric Aubrey Hassett: b.26.4.1911 London; d.19.12.1978
/
m.Jul-Sep.1937 Balham/Wandsworth, London; Doris "Dorice" May Brookland; b.22.7.1911 London; d.2.6.1996

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|>>: Raymond "Ray" Douglas >>>: >>|>>>
Hassett
b.24.5.1919 d.17.8.1985;
of Herne Bay, Kent
/
m.18.5.1940
Ivy Edith Spencer
b.4.8.1919

|>>: Lieut. Kenneth "Ken" >>>>>> >>|>>>
Norman Hassett, R.N.
b.23.11.1922 d.10.10.1994
of Mitcham, Surrey; and
of Beetley, East Dereham, Norfolk;
Served Fleet Air Arm WWII, 1940-50
/
m.22.9.1945 Petty Officer W.R.N.S.
Marjorie Fretwell b.21.12.1922;
Petty Officer W.R.N.S.

Another disconnected Co.Tipperary family:

>>|>> <???> Blennerhassett >>>> >>|>> Thomas Blennerhassett >>: >>|>> Thomas Hassett >>>>>>>>>>>> >>|>> Robert Hassett b.22.11.1842 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW (Congregational Church)
(alias Blenner Hassett) Bootmaker | d.11.6.1898 Camperdown, Newtown, NSW
Undertaker; b.c1806 Clonmel, |
of Co. Tipperary, Ireland Co.Tipperary; |>>: Elizabeth Hassett; b.1842 at St.James', (or St.Lawrence's) Sydney, NSW (C.of E.); d.c1842
/ emig. to NSW c1841 |
m. Mary Halliday on ship "Resource" |>>: Joseph Hassett b.8.9.1844 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW (Congregational Church)
/ | d.12.7.1906 Parramatta, NSW
d.3.3.1895 (C. of E.) |
St.George St. Asylum, |>>: William Hassett; b.1846 at St.Lawrence's, Sydney, NSW (Presbyterian)
Parramatta, NSW, | perhaps(?) d. young 1847
Australia; |
bur. C.of E. Cemetery, |>>: Elizabeth Hassett >>>>>>>>> >>|>> Frank Armstrong >>>>>>> >>|>> Marjorie Armstrong >>>>> >>|>>>
Rookwood, NSW | b.c1848/50 Sydney, NSW | b.30.7.1872 Sydney, NSW | b.c1906 |
/ | d.30.5.1929 Campsie, | d.26.6.1951 Perth, WA | / |
3 son & 3 dau. d.young | Sydney, NSW | / | m. Perth, WA |
(or was it 4 sons & 4 daus ?) | / | m.16.10.1903 Kalgoorlie, | Charles Lemon |
/ | m.26.2.1870 Sydney, NSW | Western Australia; | |
m.c1833 at Clonmel, | Francis Armstrong | Cassie Ansell Powell | |>>>
Co.Tipperary; | b.c1849 Rhode Island, USA | b.26.12.1883 |
Rachael Loney | moved to Australia; | Bayswater, S.Australia |
d.30.6.1880 | of 100, Constitution Rd., | d. Perth, WA |
Paddington, NSW | Dulwich Hill, NSW; | |>>: Jeanne Armstrong >>>>>>: >>|>>>
(dau. of John & Jane Loney) | d.10.3.1910 Newtown, NSW | b.10.8.1908 Kalgoorlie, WA
| | d.22.7.1993 Manly,
| |>>: Ernest Armstrong Sydney, NSW
| | /
|>>: Robert Hassett |>>: William H. Armstrong m.9.3.1938 Perth, WA
| d.1898 Newtown, NSW | Ronald Henry Gaunt
| |>>: Ralph Armstrong b.15.9.1907 Perth, WA
|>>: James Hassett | d.27.8.2001
| d.1902 Newtown, NSW |>>: Lewis Armstrong Southport, Queensland
| |
|>>: son d.young bef.1895 |>>: Septimus S. Armstrong (alias F. Douglas);
| b.c1893 Wylam, Newcastle, NSW; of Dipton, NSW
|>>: dau. d.young bef.1895 /
| served in the army (as F. Douglas) during WWI, service No.147;
|>>: dau. d.young bef.1895 driver, 12th Brigade Australian Field Artillery;
| d.25 June 1916 of wounds;
|>>: dau. d.young bef.1895 bur. Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension,
Nord, France 285 (grave II. E. 156)

Blennerhassett of Ballinaclough, Co.Tipperary

>|>>> John Blennerhassett >>>>>>> of Ballinaclough (Ballynaclough), Co.Tipperary; b.c1830 b.c1830 d.1898 bur.18.4.1898 Kilmore, Co.Tipperary (C.of I.)
/
"Bassett's Directory of Tipperary" 1889 lists a John Blennerhassett at Post Office, Ballinaclough, near Nenagh, Co.Tipperary
/
m.c1857 at Nenagh; Frances Prittie of Ballinaclough, Co.Tipperary; b.c1835; d.1902 bur.31.12.1902 Kilmore, Co.Tipperary (C.of I.)

>|>>> Emily Blennerhassett b.c1861 Co.Tipperary (C.of I.)
of Ballinaclough, Co.Tipperary 1911

>|>>> Henry Blennerhassett >>>> b.c1864 Ballinaclough, Nenagh, Co.Tipperary
/
Coachman, of Ballynaclough 1885; Land Steward & Gardener; of house 11, Moneyshanere, Tobermore, Co.Londonderry 1911
/
m.1st 8.5.1885 (C.of I.) at Ballinaclough; Martha Earle; of Debsborough
/
m.2nd Apr-Jun.1899 Drogheda, Co.Louth (mother of Henry & Lilian)
Maria Rennicks; b.25.12.1880; of Drogheda (connections with Tobermore & Magherafelt); d.1963/4 Dublin

>|>>> Henry Nixon Blennerhassett b.26.2.1900 Drogheda, Co.Louth, Ireland; Gardener, of House 11, Moneyshanere 1911;
/
RN seaman No. J60255 during WWI; served as naval trainee "Boy 2" 4.8.1916 to 18.10.1916 on the RN training ship "Inpregnable" at Devonport, Plymouth (formerly HMS "Howe" built Pembroke 1860, re-named "HMS Bulwark" 1885; renamed as training ship "HMS Impregnable" 1886); Henry N. BH was discharged "Invalided (In CO)" 18.10.1916; on 22.2.1918 aged 18 was due to sign on for 12 years, but appears not to have done so, having earlier been discharged; **[NA - Royal Navy Register of Seaman's services, Cat. Ref. ADM 188/767, Image Ref. 255/255]**
His WWI service medal was offered for sale on eBay March 2010

>|>>> Lilian Blennerhassett >>>> b.3.4.1905; d.29.7.2005 Dublin m.1940 Victor Gray of Gorey, Co.Wexford

>|>>> John Blennerhassett; b.c1914; d.1982 Dublin

>|>>> <dau.> Blennerhassett b.9.6.1865 Nenagh

>|>>> John Blennerhassett b.24.9.1869 Nenegh

>|>>> Richard Blennerhassett b.c1877 Co.Tipperary (C.of I.)
Sub-Postmaster; of Ballinaclough 1911

>|>>> Alexander Blennerhassett b.c1879 Co.Tipperary (C.of I.)
Labourer; of Ballinaclough 1911

>|>>> Katherine Blennerhasett >> b.c1864/6 Templederry, Co.Tipperary; of Killavalla, Templederry 1890
/
m.8.9.1890 St.Audoen (C.o.I.) Dublin; Thomas Dagg; b.bef.1869; farmer; of Lesson (Lisson) Hall, Nenagh, Co.Tipperary 1890; son of John Dagg; farmer; of Killavalla;
>|>>> issue (raised a family at Curraghgraigue, near Nenagh) (see NOTE on T 01)

>|>>> <???> Hassett >>>>>>>>>>: NOTE: >----> There is no evidence that these Hassetts were Blennerhassett, but other than the Hassett family from Rocklawn, Clash (T 01), at the 1911 census this was the only C.of I. Hassett family in Co.Tipperary

>|>>> Thomas Hassett >>>>>>>> b.c1843 Co.Tipperary (C.of I.) of Clonmel, Co.Tipperary 1911; Secretary for a Committee of Clonmel Corporation 1911
/
m.c1873 Mary Jane <???> b.c1851 Co.Kilkenny

>|>>> Elizabeth Gertrude Hassett b.c1880 (C.of I.); unm. 1911 Lady's Private Secretary 1911

>|>>> <ch.> Hassett

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>|>>> <ch.> Hassett; d.bef.1911

>|>>> <ch.> Hassett; d.bef.1911

>|>>> Helen Blennerhassett b.c1851 Co.Tipperary (C.of I.) servant; of 8 George Street, Limerick City, Co.Limerick 1911

This Hassett family is from Toomevara, near Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, so may perhaps(?) be related to the family on T 01, but no evidence for this

>|>>> Patrick Hassett >>>>>>>>>: m. Margaret Kilmartin

>|>>> Catherine Hassett >>>>>>>: b.c1800 Co.Tipperary; emig. New Zealand c1862 with her two sons; d.1.9.1888 Totara Flat, New Zealand (on west coast of South Island)
/
m.c1830 Toomevara, Co.Tipperary; Hugh Kennedy

>|>>> John Kennedy >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> b.c1835 Ballymackey, Co.Tipperary; emig. to NZ c1862; d.1908 Greymouth, NZ
/
m.c1860 Nenagh; Mary Harty b.c1840 Nenagh, Tipperary; emig. to NZ c1862; d.1924 Greymouth

>|>>> Patrick Kennedy

>|>>> <dau.> Kennedy

>|>>> <dau.> Kennedy

>|>>> Catherine "Kate" Kennedy >>: b.c1860/1 Nenagh
/
m.?.11.1881; Michael O'Meara b.c1851 Co.Tipperary; d.1921; emig. to NZ c1862

>|>>> Annie Kennedy b. NZ

>|>>> Margaret Kennedy b. NZ

>|>>> Mary Anne Kennedy b. NZ

>|>>> Hugh Kennedy b. NZ

>|>>> Sarah Kennedy b. NZ

>|>>> Helena Kennedy b. NZ

>|>>> Julia Kennedy b. NZ

>|>>> Cecilia Kennedy b. NZ

>|>>> John Kennedy b. NZ

>|>>> William James O'Meara

>|>>> Margaret Theresa O'Meara, nun "Sister Natalie"

>|>>> John Joseph O'Meara

>|>>> Cornelius "Con" Patrick >> O'Meara
/
m. <???>
>|>>> <ch.> O'Meara>>>>>>>>> m. <???>

>|>>> Mary Magdalen O'Meara, nun "Sister Augustine"

>|>>> Cecilia Frances O'Meara, nun "Sister Paul"

>|>>> Helena Catherine O'Meara

>|>>> Gertrude Elizabeth O'Meara