BLENNERHASSETT family of DEVINISH, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA and MARBLEHEAD, MASSACHUSETTS, USA

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MARBLEHEAD Massachusetts USA

?????????????????? >|>> John Blennerhassett >>> >|>> Avis Blennerhassett >>>>>> >|>> Mary T. O'Brien >>>>>>>>: >|>> William Henry White Jr. >>>>: >|>>>

of Co.Kerry, Ireland; Farmer;
/
m. Mary Martin
of Co.Kerry, Ireland
/
One source has Mary Martin's home being Windmill Street, Blennerville, near Tralee, Co.Kerry, but this not confirmed

b.c1836/8 Ireland
d.9.3.1911 Marblehead; Massachusetts, USA;
/
came to USA 1854;
In 1855 living at Lynn, Essex Co., Massachusetts
/
Said to have been visiting (from Ireland) a cousin who lived at Peabody (nr Lynn, Massachusetts) and there met her husband;
She was Anglican, her husband RC, and "…her parents had nothing to do with her after the marriage…"
/
m.3.11.1860 Salem (or Marblehead?), Massachusetts (RC);
Patrick J. O'Brien
b.26.1.1838 Rathmore, Co.Kerry, Ireland;
Cordwainer;
son of Timothy O'Brien (O'Brian) & Mary Hussey
/
emig. 1860 to Marblehead, Essex Co., Massachusetts, USA;
d.18.10.1910
Marblehead

NOTE: This Marblehead, Massachusetts family has been researched by their descendants Bob & Pat Hutchins, of Alta Loma, California, USA

?? Sarah Blennerhassett
m.?.2.1864
at Marblehead, Mass.;
to Robert Hill
/
Who is she? perhaps a sister of Avis BH?

b.15.1.1861 Massachusetts
of Marblehead, Mass.
/
m.14.4.1883
William Henry White
b.25.7.1860
bur.1.4.1935
Shoemaker; Barber

Clerk
(in the electrical industry)
b.3.6.1884
bur.27.8.1951
/
m.1907 Sarah E. Beckwith
b.1886 d.1963

>> Jeremiah D. White >>>>>>>> >|>>>
b.25.5.1886
Foreman in shoe factory
/
m. Catherine A. White
b.c1888

>> Avis L. White >>>>>>>>>>> >|>>>
b.26.11.1887
/
m. <???> Merry

>> Edward B. White >>>>>>>>> >|>>>
b.17.2.1890
Foreman in shoe factory
/
m. Mary A. <???> b.c1891

NOTE: For other Blennerhassett/Martin marriages see pages:-
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|>> Elizabeth A. White >>>>>>>: >|>>>
b.15.12.1891 (twin)
d.28.4.1984
/
m.1936 Joseph Anthony
McManus b.1888 d.1959

|>> Mary Louise White
b.15.12.1891 (twin)
d.24.3.1893

|>> Grace White b.1893
|>>>

|>> James White
b.23.11.1894
d.26.11.1894

|>> Mildred T. White >>>>>>>>>: >|>>>
b.?.9.1893 bur.13.1.1943
m. Woodbury

|>> Timothy O'Brien >>>>>>>> >|>> Elizabeth O'Brien b.1874
b.c1862 Massachusetts | m. <???> Starr
/
m. Mary Dolan |>> Avis O'Brien b.1887

|>> Patrick O'Brien; b.1889 >>>>: >|>>>
m. <???> Merry
|>>>

|>> Mary O'Brien b.1891
|>>>

|>> John O'Brien
b.c1863/4 Massachusetts |>> Edward T. O'Brien b.1892 >>: >|>>>
d.1934 | m. <???> Merry
|>>>

|>>>

|>> Elizabeth "Lizzie" |>>>
O'Brien |>> Susan A. O'Brien; b.1894
b.1865 Massachusetts | m. <???> Hay |>>>

|>> Gertrude O'Brien b.1896 (twin)

|>> Theodore O'Brien b.1896 (twin)

|>> Grace O'Brien b.1900
m. <???> Maguire

|>> James O'Brien b.1867 >>>>: >|>> Carrie O'Brien b.1890 >>>>>: >|>>>
/ /
m. Carrie Hawkes | m. Fred W. Russell

|>>>

|>> Jennie O'Brien b.1898

NOTE: |>>>
a Blennerhassett family
of Greensborough, Victoria
c2000 fits here somewhere(?)

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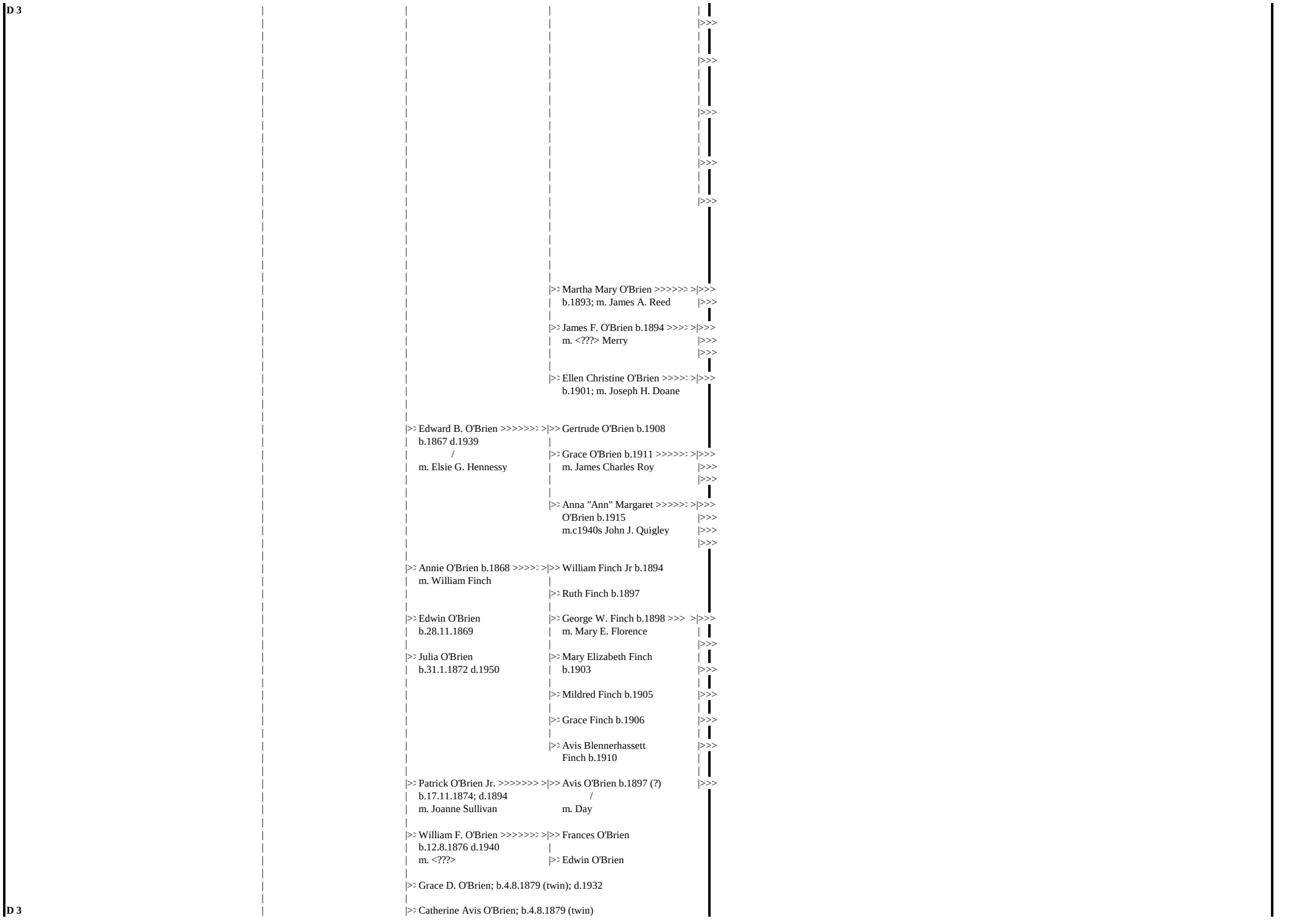
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Martha Mary O'Brien >>>>>> b.1893; m. James A. Reed
James F. O'Brien b.1894 >>>> m. <???> Merry
Ellen Christine O'Brien >>>> b.1901; m. Joseph H. Doane
Edward B. O'Brien >>>>>> b.1867 d.1939 / m. Elsie G. Hennessy
Gertrude O'Brien b.1908
Grace O'Brien b.1911 >>>>> m. James Charles Roy
Anna "Ann" Margaret >>>>> O'Brien b.1915 m.c1940s John J. Quigley
Annie O'Brien b.1868 >>>> m. William Finch
William Finch Jr b.1894
Ruth Finch b.1897
Edwin O'Brien b.28.11.1869
George W. Finch b.1898 >>> m. Mary E. Florence
Julia O'Brien b.31.1.1872 d.1950
Mary Elizabeth Finch b.1903
Mildred Finch b.1905
Grace Finch b.1906
Avis Blennerhassett Finch b.1910
Patrick O'Brien Jr. >>>>>> b.17.11.1874; d.1894 m. Joanne Sullivan
Avis O'Brien b.1897 (?) / m. Day
William F. O'Brien >>>>>> b.12.8.1876 d.1940 m. <???>
Frances O'Brien
Edwin O'Brien
Grace D. O'Brien; b.4.8.1879 (twin); d.1932
Catherine Avis O'Brien; b.4.8.1879 (twin)
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DEVENISH, Victoria, Australia

NOTE:
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NOTE: S.S."GREAT BRITAIN"
This was the famous iron steamship designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, Chief Engineer of the Great Western Railway; built at Bristol, England 1839-43 & launched by Prince Albert
/
With a length of 322ft and displacement of 3,675 tons, the "Great Britain" was the largest ship afloat at that time; Considered the first "modern" ship, she was the first of that scale to be built of iron and the first liner with a steampropeller driven screw, although she retained schooner-rigged sails on her six masts; She was also first to have watertight bulkheads, a virtual double bottom; and balanced rudder
/
She sailed to the USA and served as troop ship during both Crimean War & Indian Mutiny; Between 1852 & 1886 she made 47 voyages, 32 of them carrying immigrants between Liverpool and Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. She was for many years the fastest & safest emigrant ship afloat
/
After being damaged in 1886 during an attempt to round Cape Horn, she spent over 50 years as a storage vessel in Port Stanley Harbour in the Falkland Islands, serving as a floating wool or coal store; In 1937 she was towed to Sparrow Cove, where she was holed & beached; by the end of the 1960s she was close to breaking up
/
The "Great Britain" was salvaged & returned to Bristol in 1970 by the "Great Britain Project" under Maj. Richard Goold-Adams (1916-95), husband of Deenagh (Diana) M.P.Blennerhassett (see page K 32); The old ship has been restored her former glory in the "Great Western Dock", the same Bristol drydock where she was built;
/
Passenger lists have been published in the book "Is yours an SS Great Britain Family?" by A. Ball, 1988.

James Blennerhassett >>>>> (alias Hassett) of Devenish, near Benalla, Victoria, Aust.; Farmer; b.c1839 Co.Kerry, Ireland (prob. Tralee)
/
emig. to Melbourne, Victoria, Australia leaving Liverpool, England 25.7.1865 on the 27th voyage of steam ship S.S."Great Britain" (see NOTE to left)
/
d.9.11.1912 Devenish, Victoria; bur. Benalla
/
A labourer 1865; then road contractor & farmer of 70 acres at Pentland Hills, Victoria; Moved to Devenish, near Benalla (Lake Rowan), Victoria c1876; There c1888 he farmed 442 acres, including 110 acres of wheat & oats, with 36 cattle, 5 horses
/
m.6.3.1867 Fanny Martin; b.c1843/6 Co.Kerry; Servant; d.5.8.1901 at Williamstown, Victoria
/
(dau. of Alex Martin & Eliza Flemming; sister of Isabella Martin, below)

John Blennerhassett b.17.6.1866; of Devenish; Farmer; d.8.6.1934 (not 14.12.1932) at Wangaratta
/
m.c1920s Theresa Mary Spriggs; of Benalla; d.16.4.1950

Isabella "Isobel" Avice *(not Annie or Alice)* Blennerhassett b.1.7.1869 Myrniong, Pentland Hills, Victoria; She had a birthday book; m.1912 Victoria; Horace Edwin Hooper

James Blennerhassett (alias Blenner Hassett); b.1872 Myrniong, Victoria; d.1873 Victoria, aged 1 year

Roger Blennerhassett (alias Blenner Hassett); b.16.6.1873 Myrniong; d.25.12.1938 Lake Rowan; unm.

William Blennerhassett >>>: of Devenish; farmer; b.4.8.1874 Myrniong d.6.7.1929 at S.James, Lake Rowan (Horse & gig accident)
/
m.1913 Victoria; Amy Louise Herridge b.c1886; d.23/24.5.1962 at Lake Rowan/Yarram

- Alexander Blennerhassett Farmer; of Bunyip, Lake Rowan, Victoria; b.13.10.1877 Lake Rowan; d.15.5.1939 Bunyip
- Fanny Elizabeth Blennerhassett; b.1879 Lake Rowan; d.1880 Devenish, aged 1 year
- James Blennerhassett >>>> of Benalla b.1.10.1880 Devenish (Bacchus Marsh) nr Benalla; d.14.10.1911 Benalla
  /
  m. Frances <???>
  - John Hassett
  - Alec Hassett
- Mary Blennerhassett >>>>>: b.22.2.1882 Lake Rowan
  /
  m.1917 (John) Thomas Tom Henry Argus
  - Thelma Argus
  - Alexander Argus

James William >>>>>>>>>>: Blennerhassett; b.29.8.1913 Stewarton, Victoria; d.29.8.1961 Waaia, Victoria; of Numurkah, Victoria; m.9.12.1944 Coolingatta; Renee <???> of Queensland

- John Robert Blennerhassett (alias Hassett) b.5.5.1915 Devenish d.27.5.1977 Footscray, Victoria; m. Ida Tennant
- Frances "Fanny" Louisa >>>> Blennerhassett b.10.6.1917 Merrivale, Devenish; She has a book of family data, perhaps(?) the birthday book of her aunt Isobel Avice Blennerhassett;
  /
  m. Raymond "Ray" Reaper; b.22.2.1947
- Charles Stanley Blennerhassett b.12.6.1920 Benalla; d.26.1.1921 Tungamah, Victoria; d. an infant;
- Albert Henry Blennerhassett b.21.3.1922 Tungamah, Victoria; d.c1982 Benalla
- Alexander "Alex" Leslie >>>> Blennerhassett b.18.2.1925 Rossmore, Benalla, Vict.
  /
  m. Patricia Kathleen White; b.23.4.1926
- Albert Hassett

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John Blennerhassett >>>>>> >
(alias Hassett)
of Devenish; Farmer;
b.9.11.1851 Tralee,
Co.Kerry, Ireland
/
emig. to N.Zealand 1871;
then in 1873 to
Myrniong, Pentland
Hills (W. of Melbourne)
Victoria, Australia
as a labourer; then in 1875
to Bungeet, nr Devenish,
Benalla (Lake Rowan),
Vict., as a dealer & farmer;
/
There c1888 he farmed
418 acres, including
130 ac. of wheat & oats,
with "a considerable
number of cattle" and
13 horses;
/
d.17.3.1899 Myrniong,
Victoria (or Carlton , Vict. ?)
/
m.3.7.1873 Melbourne
to Isabella Martin
of Williamstown, Vict.
b.6.5.1848 Tralee,
(or 5.8.1848 ?)
Co.Kerry, Ireland;
d.11.7.1920 Northcote,
Melbourne, Victoria
bur.14.7.1920
/
(Sister of Fanny Martin,
see above, and daughter
of Alex Martin
& Eliza Fleming)
/
One source has Isabella
coming from Ballywillin,
Killyleagh, Co.Down,
but this is doubtful

John Blennerhassett b.15.6.1874 Myrniong, Pentland Hills, Victoria; d.27.6.1874 Myrniong "aged 13 days"

James "Jim" Blennerhassett >
b.18.6.1875 Myrniong,
Pentland Hills, Victoria;
Grew up on farm; Baptist;
a Tanner; of Preston, Vict.
/
d.26.11.1956 (not 25.10.56)
Preston, Melbourne, Vict.
(at home of his dau. Nellie);
bur. Coburg Pine Ridge
Memorial Pk, Vict.(C.of E.)
Compartment AA, grave 53
/
m.20.4.1904 Collins Street
Baptist Ch., Melbourne;
(Bridget) Ellen "Nell" Isabel
McDonald; b.15.3.1874
Emerald Hill, Victoria;
bapt.18.8.74 St.Peter & Paul
Emerald Hill;
of North Fitzroy 1904;
of Preston, Vict.1956
/
d.6.7.1956 Preston, Victoria;
bur. Coburg Pine Ridge
Memorial Pk, Vict.(C.of E.)

Francis "Fanny" "Fan"
Mary Blennerhassett; unm.
b.14.12.1877 Bungeet,
nr Devenish, Lake Rowan;
d.31.1/4.1946 Hepburn
Springs/Dalysford, Vict.
/
With sis. Elizabeth she ran
a guest-house at Hepburn
Springs (nr the well-known
Hepburn Springs Mineral
Spa Baths); Their brother
Alex lived with them

son <unnamed>
b.1879 Bungeet,
nr Devenish, Lake Rowan;
d. young 1879 (aged 1 day)

Lily May Blennerhassett; b.1907 Carlton, Victoria; d.4.4.1922 South Fitzroy, Melbourne (aged 15);
bur. Coburg Pine Ridge Memorial Park (C.of E.) Compartment AA, Grave 53; unm.

Ellen "Nellie" Isabel >>>>>>
Blennerhassett;
of Preston, Melbourne, Vict.
b.30.5.1909 Carlton, Melb.
Victoria; d.15.9.1986
/
m.1934 Reg (Reginald) Wilks
of Bundoora, Victoria;
d.27.10.1979 Bundoora

James "Jim" Blennerhassett >
of Preston, Victoria;
b.11.11.1910 Carlton, Melb.;
d.5.10.1967 Heidelberg,
Melbourne, Victoria;
bur. Coburg Pine Ridge
Memorial Pk, Vict.(C.of E.)
Compartment AA, grave 53
/
Metallurgist (until motor
cycle accident at Emerald,
Victoria ended his career)
As a young man, after work
he would carry bars of
gold in his gladstone bag to
deliver to Melbourne Mint;
Held various jobs at Melb.
City Council; later a Clerk
/
m.1931 Rosina "Rose" Alice
Pearson (or Emselle ?);
b.20.4.1909
d.3.8.2004 Melbourne, Vict.
(obit. Melbourne
"Herald Sun" 7.8.2004)
/
(they married in a bay
window of a private
house in Butters St.)

Frances Irene Blennerhassett
b.10.7.1913 Carlton, Melb.
/
m.1937 Gilbert George King
b.c1903 Reigate, Surrey,
England; d.21.6.1990;
bur. Fawkner Cemetery
(North Side, Section 2,
Compartment A, Niche 18)

|>> John Blennerhassett >>>>>> >|>> John Blennerhassett; b.1904; d. an infant
(alias Hassett)
b.28.12.1881 Bungeet, |>> Frank Alexander Blennerhassett (alias Hassett); b.1904 Clifton Hill, Melbourne; d.1905 Carlton, Melbourne (aged 1 year)
nr Devenish, Lake Rowan;
d.14.11.1940 Warragul |>> Alexander Blennerhassett; b.1906; d. an infant
/
m.1st 12.11.1902 |>> Herbert "Bert" Leslie >>>>>> >|>>>
Lilian "Lily" Marion Hall | Blennerhassett
(not Hale); | of Preston, Victoria; Clerk
b.c1879; d.29.8.1928 | b.22.8.1908 or 24.11.1908
Heidelberg, Victoria | d.22.3.1969 Preston, Vict.
| bur. Templestowe Cem. &
| Memorial Garden 25.3.1969 |>>>
| /
| m.14.9.1929
| (Hilda) Daphne Congdon
| (Cogdon ?) b.29.6.1909
| d.17.12.1998
|>>>

|>> James "Jim" Blennerhassett
of Drouin, near Warragul,
Victoria; b.29.4.1914
/
m. Margaret Lillian Venables
b.17.7.1924;
she m. previously <???> Vincent

m.2nd 10.2.1932
Vida Vivienne Hannaford >> >|>> John "Jack" Blennerhassett >> >|>>>
of Bairnsdale & Drouin; | of Leongatha, Victoria;
b.19.5.1897; | b.15.7.1933 Truck Driver; d. |>>>
d.7.3.1977 Drouin, Vict. | /
/ | m.17.5.1958 at Drouin
She was m. previously | near Warragul, Victoria;
<???> Goulter | Lillian Cecilia Harrison |>>>
(son: Ray Goulter) | b.22.10.1932
|>>>

|>> Elizabeth Blennerhassett
b.3.9.1882 Bungeet,
nr Devenish, Lake Rowan; |>> Edward "Ted" >>>>>>>>>>> >|>>>
of Thornbury, Melbourne, Blennerhassett;
Victoria; of Leongatha; b.15.9.1934
d.27/28.9.1961 Thornbury; /
unm. m. Patricia Ann "Kath" |>>>
/ Wagner; b.21.7.1936;
With her sister Fanny she of Warragul, Victoria
ran a guest-house at
Hepburn Springs (not far
from the entrance to the
well-known Hepburn
Springs Mineral Spa Baths);
their brother Alex lived
there with them

Alexander "Alex" Blennerhassett
b.28/29.7.1885 (or 1884?) at Bungeet, nr Devenish, Lake Rowan
/
He lived with his sisters Fanny & Elizabeth at the guest-house they ran at Hepburn Springs, Vict.
d.16.8.1950 Hepburn Springs/Dalysford, Victoria
/
m.2.9.1913 (or 1912?)
Alice Mary "May" Mouchemore
b.c1882 (post Jun1882) Queenscliff, Victoria;
d.26.5.1943 Preston, Victoria
/
dau. of Daniel White Mouchemore;
b.1858 Victoria
/
MOUCHEMORE
all persons of this name descend from Daniel Lauerance Mouchemore
bapt.1827 Devon, Eng.;
The name appears to survive only in Australia

Olive Florence
Blennerhassett; b.9.2.1913 Camberwell, Victoria

Daniel "Dan" Alexander
Blennerhassett
b.4.4.1916 Preston, Victoria; of Kew, Victoria;
Champion Boxer, with a promising career ahead
/
Joined the army during WWII; Private (No. VX23502) A.I.F. 2/22 Battalion, Australian Infantry; stationed at New Guinea in the South Pacific; He was one of a garrison of 1,500 men at Rabaul, New Britain (a part of New Guinea), captured by the Japanese in January 1942 following three weeks of air bombardment; the Australians faced 17,000 Japanese who landed near Rabaul; Family history has it that Dan was injured fighting the Japanese along what is now known as the "Kokoda Trail" and that he was left behind with other wounded soldiers in expectation of being cared for by the Japanese, but was beheaded by them; He d.1.7.1942 at a Japanese P.O.W. camp in New Britain (K.I.A.);
Of the Australians captured, many were murdered & most of the remainder drowned when a ship taking them to the Philippines was torpedoed & sunk; His name appears on the Rabaul Memorial 1939-1945 (panel 20) at the Rabaul (Bita Paka) War Cemetery, 50km S. of Rabaul, 5km S.W. of Kokopo; This memorial commemorates 1,200 members of the Australian Army and R.A.A.F. who died in New Britain and have no known grave
/
m. Meryle Puryer Davey; d.1976 Preston, Victoria

Isabella Alice "Nancy"
Blennerhassett
b.19/20.2.1920 Preston, Victoria; d.20.12.1985
/
m. Ronald Walter Iredale
b.25.12.1916
Diamond Creek, Victoria

Gweneth "Gwen" Elizabeth Blennerhassett;
b.30.8.1922 (or 16.8.1922?);
d.4.10.1979 Preston, Victoria
/
m.1st <???>
/
m.2nd 4.4.1947 at Albert Park
Norman "Norm" Frederick Iredale
b.16.4.1920
Diamond Creek, Victoria