

know the year in which it was erected (since demolished); William Hassett Sr is said to be buried with his wife, their son William Hassett Jr and his wife "*alongside the main road from Hassett*" at RC St.Jean Baptiste Cem., Corberrie; these burials are not verified; Hassett & Corberrie are separate communities, with Havelock and New Tusket lying between them, but is possible Corberrie was at that time the closest burial ground, used by all denominations; Hassett now has its own cemetery, also by the main road

m. est.c1835

(Catherine/Katherine) Margaret "Maggie" McAlpine b.22.11/12.1810 Weymouth, Digby Co., Nova Scotia; dau. of Daniel McAlpine (see NOTE on NS 03) & Barbara Ellen Cosman, of a Scottish family;

[WILSON p.144] names her Margaret McAlpine, the name she was known by; another source names her Mary in error; she was residing with son William Hassett in 1881, with her daughter Mary Barr in 1891; she d.26.5.1892
NOTE: *The family now use the spelling MacAlpine but many early documents & records have McAlpine*

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>> Keziah Hassett of Sissiboo (now Weymouth), near Digby, Annapolis Co. (now named Digby Co.), Nova Scotia; [WILSON p.362]

m.24.11.1804 (other sources have m.27.12.1804 & 2.11.1804) Trinity Church (C.o.E.), Sissiboo; Robert Lane of Sissiboo

BLENNERHASSETT & HASSETT

There is a suggestion that the Hassetts may have come to Digby Co. from Cape Breton, before that from Newfoundland; The first recorded Hassett in Digby Co. is William Hassett Sr. c1828, when he was "foreman of a gang of Irish lumbermen..."; the last of the name to live in the community of 'Hassett' is believed to have left the area in 1994

There is strong tradition among some present day descendants of the New Tusket, Digby Co., Hassett family, that the family name was originally Blennerhassett, shortened to Hassett by William Hassett Jr., founder of the Hassett community and its first postmaster, because as postmaster the name was "*...too damn long for the forms...*"

Percy Hassett (b.1881) related to his grandchildren that "...the house he grew up in at Hassett..." (home of his parents Byron & Fanny Hassett) was burnt down when he was about 12 years of age (i.e. c1892/3); Percy also said that, destroyed with the family home, were papers and objects that once belonged to Harman Blennerhassett (1764-1831) & his wife Margaret Agnew Blennerhassett (1771-1842) of Blennerhassett Island in the Ohio River, West Virginia, USA (p.K 4);

Some such connection or interest in that family is supported by James & Amanda Hassett naming one of their sons Harman; this Harman Hassett was b.22.9.1883 so would have been aged 9 or 10 years at the time of the fire c1892/3 (NS 01)

Percy believed these lost items to have included Harman Blennerhassett's violin, which Percy described as embossed with a crest, "a fist holding an olive branch", surrounded by the motto "*what we have we hold*"; The crest described is not one used by any Blennerhassett family (the Blennerhassett crest "a wolf sejant proper", their motto *Fortes Fortuna Juvat* or *Fortune Favours the Bold*)

"Fairbairn's Crests", a standard reference work on heraldic crests (not coats-of-arms) in Britain & Ireland, shows on pl.42 crest No.6 described "in dexter hand a laurel branch, proper" which laurel branch could easily be mistaken for olive branch;



Hassett Cemetery

above images courtesy of Peggy (Alston) MacAlpine

NOTE: Harman perhaps named for Harman Blennerhassett, of Blennerhassett Island, West Virginia, USA (p.K 6), the most well known Blennerhassett in North America, as this Hassett family are said to have owned relics of Harman Blennerhassett, from his island (See NOTE left)

NOTE:

The Denny (Tralee, Co.Kerry) family crest is an upright hand and forearm holding five ears of wheat, somewhat similar, but the Denny motto is "*the harvest also shall be mine*"

>> Harlow Hassett >>>>>>>>>>>> Ermanie Hassett >>>>>>>>>>>>
b.3.12.1876 New Tusket / m. Harry Kilbourne
(twin); d. bef.1971; Travelling Salesman
/ m.21.8.1906 New Tusket; Lulu Churchill Williams;
b.1887 Lockport, Nova Scotia; dau. of Thomas Williams, sea captain, of Liverpool (or Lockeport?)

>> Roscoe Hassett (twin) >>>>>>>>>>>> Jean Hassett b.27.6.1922
b.3.12.1876 New Tusket / m. <??> Lund
d.27.4.1933 / m.1876 Weymouth, >>> James Hassett
Digby Co.; Edna Preble >>> Richard Hassett

>> Otter (Other, Otter) L. Hassett; b.25.6.1878 New Tusket; d.18.4.1879 New Tusket; bur. Lakeside & Nowlan Cemetery, Havelock (plot 27); obit. in ["**Digby Courier**" 25.4.1879]

>> Ethel May Hassett >>>>>>>>>>>> Clara Scrymgeour Dalphin >>>>>>>>>>>>
b.27.3.1880 New Tusket | b.18.8.1906 (twin);
d.26.6.1955; | of Washington DC, USA
(one census in error names |
her Edrel Hassett, male) | m. Sidney Allyn
/ | Macracken;
m. John Craig Dalphin | of Overbrook, Kansas
(adoptive name, his |
father's name was Byrne); >>> <??> Dalphin b.18.8.1906
of Massachusetts Avenue (twin) died at birth
(at 11th), Washington DC;
worked at the Dept. of the Interior 30+ years;
his mother descended from the families of
Scrymgeour (Dundee, Scotland) and Abercrombie

>> Harman Hassett
(NOT Harmon, Harmen, Herman & Horsman, all used in error)
b.22.9.1883 New Tusket, Digby; of St.Bernard, Digby Co. 1901;
d.26.12.1958; m. Debbie Hammond

>> Helena "Helen" >>>>>>>>>>>> Leland Dyker Mullen
Hassett | b.17.11.1913
(1901 census transcript | m.Rosalie Marie Jason
has 'Elma' in error); | b.1917
b.4.6.1885 New Tusket |
d.1969; of New Tusket >>> Wallace Preston Mullen >>>>>>>>
/ | b.5.7.1915 New Tusket
g.son Michael remembers | m. Hilda Esther MacAlpine
seeing photo of her "on a | b.1934
beautiful horse dressed
as in the finest attire" >>> Vera Louise Mullen
/ | b.3.1.1917
m. New Tusket; | m. Earl Buice b.1894 d.1970
Herbert Scott Mullen |
b.15.7.1882 d.11.2.1954 >>> Inez Jean Mullen

NOTE:

Sisters Helena & Flora (below) visited North Range, Digby Co. 1907

| b.7.11.1919
| m. Francis Emmett Sheahan
| b.1903 d.1965
>>> Floris Genesta Mullen >>>>>>>>>>>>
| b.27.10.1920
| m. Rev. James Stephen
| Douphinee b.26.4.1916
|
>>> Ercel (Ersel?) Olive Mullen
| b.7.9.1924
| m. Donald Hazen Connor
| b.1916 d.1972

The strange tale of HARMAN BLENNERHASSETT'S VIOLIN
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Ray Swick, historian of Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park in West Virginia, reveals that Harman Blennerhassett did have a violin, of good quality, made at Cremona, Italy, and that Harman "...had been quite proud of it and told his friends that it was over 100 years old and had cost him 100 guineas..."
(The maker of Harman's violin is unknown, but Cremona has been the world centre for violin making since the 17th C.)

This instrument, with other inherited Blennerhassett Island relics, disappeared following the death at New York, in poor circumstances, of his son Harman Blennerhassett Jr (K 4), who d.10.8.1854 of cholera "...after a protracted illness..." in an almshouse at Blackwell's Isle, New York City
It is interesting to conjecture that this violin, with the other objects, may perhaps have been auctioned or otherwise sold, to be later purchased by (Edward) Byron Hassett, because of his interest in the family;

THE FOLLOWING NEED INVESTIGATING :-

- 1 local Digby Co. newspaper reports of the house fire
- 2 the name of the person who sold the violin to Harman Blennerhassett, and what their family crest had been
- 3 It is interesting that the owner of the Digby Co., N.Scotia violin was named "Byron".
perhaps(?) there may be a family or other connection with Richard Byron Blennerhassett (b.c1841 at NY, unm.), the son of Richard Spotswood Blennerhassett (attorney, of St.Louis, Missouri) & Therese Martini Blennerhassett (nee Byron), which lady was author of a Ms. "Notes on the Life of Harman Blennerhassett" and who edited a Ms. "Poems by the late Mrs Harman Blennerhassett...etc"; these and other MSS (once in the possession of Therese Martini Byron BH) are among "Blennerhassett Papers" now at Campus Martius State Museum, Marietta, Ohio
(see p.K 24)

NOTE: one of (Edward) Byron Hassett's daughters was curator of a natural history museum at Boston, Mass. There is no record of her at the "Museum of Science" in Boston (which opened as the "New England Museum of Natural History" in 1864) so perhaps(?) it may have been Harvard Museum of Natural History

>> (Edward) Byron Hassett >>>>>> Bernice Hassett; b.16.6.1876 New Tusket, Digby Co.
b.?9.1851 (one source says
b. New Hampshire, USA; >> Frances "Fanny" Hassett >>>>> Dorothy E. Sabean
another says b.8.10.1877 New Tusket; | b.c1912 Massachusetts, USA
b. Weymouth, Digby Co., NS) | "Annie" in 1920 census; |
went to USA 1876; |>> dau.
/ |
moved to Massachusetts, |
USA 1899; at Melrose (Ward 3), |
Middlesex Co., Mass. 1900 |
/ |
d.15.7.1901 Worcester, |
Worcester Co., Mass., USA; |
Farmer; Anglican (C.of E.); >> Percival "Percy" Hassett >>>>> John P. Hassett
of St.Bernard, Digby Co. 1881; | b.22.1.1881 (US SS death | b.c1903 d.c1920
of Hassett, Digby Co. c.1892/3 | index has b.13.1.1880) |
at Hassett, New Tusket, |>> Herbert E. Hassett b.c1905 >>>>>
Digby Co., Nova Scotia; | of Oakland, Calif., USA
bapt.26.2.1882 | |
/ | m. <??>
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the house he grew up in |
was burnt c1892/3; |>> Grace F. Hassett b.c1906 >>>>>
of Boston, Mass. | of Los Angeles, Calif. >>>>>
/ |
until c1900 when moved |
to Seattle, Washington; | m. Warren Seabold(?) >>>>>
following d. of his wife |
moved to L.A, California |>> Margaret Ann Hassett >>>>>>>>>
to live with dau. Grace b.1907/8 |
/ |
d.14.2.1976 W.Hollywood, m. <??> Murphy >>>>>
Los Angeles, California; |
bur. Calvary Cemetery |
(RC) at Seattle, |
Washington, USA |
/ |
m. Annie Laurie Miller >>>>>
of Weymouth, Mass. USA; bur. Calvary Cem. (RC), Seattle, >>>>>
Washington; Her father & g.father were ship masters and >>>>>
ship owners out of Weymouth, Mass., USA >>>>>
/ >>>>>
>> Daniel "Dan" Hassett; b.25.10.1881 New Tusket >>>>>
/ >>>>>
dau. of Haines & Staira Ellen >>>>> dau. >>>>>
Sabean b.c1882/3 New Tusket; >>>>>
of California; >>>>>
Merchant Seaman for most of his life, >>>>>
"...calling San Francisco home when not at sea...", >>>>>
until he "...ran off to the last Nevada gold rush c1900..." >>>>>
/ >>>>>
m.<??> >>>>>
/ >>>>>
>> Benjamin Ellerton Hassett; b.19.9.1883 New Tusket >>>>>
/ >>>>>
>> Edward Byron Hassett >>>>>> Olga E. Hassett >>>>>
b.25.6.1886 New Tusket; b.10.12.1921 >>>>>
Engineer; moved to USA 1899; San Joaquin, California >>>>>
registered for draft WWI 1917; >>>>>
of Stockton, San Joaquin Co., California 1917-1930 >>>>>
/ >>>>>
d.11.11.1957 San Luis Obispo Co., California; >>>>>
bur. Pioneer Cemetery, Watsonville, >>>>>
Santa Cruz Co., California >>>>>
/ >>>>>
m. Olga A. Anderson >>>>>
/ >>>>>
>> Harriet Sabean Hassett >>>>> >>>>>
b.8.3.1885 Weymouth, Digby Co. >>>>>
(not in 1881 census; >>>>>
some sources b.8.5.1855 & b.8.3.1875) >>>>>
/ >>>>>
>> Eugene E. Hassett b.?7.1889 Digby Co. >>>>>

>> <son> Hassett
b. bef.1861 d. bef.1871
/ >>>>>
He is indicated by the 1861
census, which shows 6 sons
and 5 daus in this family 1861 >>>>>

She told her son Percy, when
he was a child, "...Percy, the
Irish will be the ruination
of you, but remember you
have a good Scots Grandma..." >>>>>

