

>> Keziah Hassett of Sissiboo (now Weymouth), near Digby, Annapolis Co. (now named Digby Co.), Nova Scotia; ["A Geography & History of the County of Digby" 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

BLANNERHASSETT & HASSETT

There is a suggestion that the Hassetts came to Digby County from Cape Breton, and 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 1)

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; this crest was never used by a Blennerhassett; it was used by the following families: Andrew/Andrews (Scotland), Brenchley (Kent), Dobbin (England), Fane (Ireland), Killgroue/Killigroue MacCartney (Ireland), Ness (Scotland) & Tansley (Scotland), but none of these had motto "what we have we hold" associated with their families; This motto appears to be more military than personal and I have been unable to locate any family using it

Harman & Margaret Blennerhassett had no descendants after their two grandsons & no Blennerhassett nephews, and any family connection with the Hassetts of Digby Co. is improbable; other USA & Canadian Blennerhassett families have acquired traditions of being "descended from" or "heirs of" Harman and Margaret BH, but on investigation such legends have shown the family in question to descend from different BH families, usually one of 3 quite distant cousins of Harman who emigrated from Ireland to N. America in early 19th C., settling at St.Louis, Missouri (K 12); at Iowa (K 34) & at Montreal, Canada (K 32); however, the Digby Co. Nova Scotia Hassett family arrived in North America from Ireland before c1828, which is before any of the three families mentioned left Ireland

>> Roscoe Hassett (twin) >>>>>> Jean Hassett b.27.6.1922
b.3.12.1876 New Tusket /
d.27.4.1933 | m. <??> Lund >>>
/ |
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" newspaper 25.4.1879

>> Ethel Hassett >>>>>>>>>>>> Clara Dauphin (Dolphen?); m. Harry Macracken
b.27.3.1880 New Tusket
d.26.6.1955; (one source has her as male, named Edrel Hassett, in error)
/
m. Douglas (or John C. ?) Dauphin (Dolphen?)

>> Harman Hassett

(other sources have given his name as Harmon, Harmen, Herman & Horsman, in error)
b.22.9.1883 New Tusket, Digby; of St.Bernard, Digby Co. 1901; d.26.12.1958;

NOTE: His name Harman perhaps given to him in memory of Harman Blennerhassett, of Blennerhassett Island, West Virginia, USA (p.K 4) the most well known Blennerhassett in North America, as the family are said to have possessed some relics of HB, from his island (See NOTE to left)

/
m. Debbie Hammond

NOTE:

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

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

| m. Earl Buice b.1894 d.1970

>> Inez Jean Mullen
| b.7.11.1919
|
| m. Francis Emmett Sheahan
| b.1903 d.1965

>> Floris Genesta Mullen >>>>>> Michael Dauphinee; of Montreal, Quebec, Canada;
b.27.10.1920 **FAMILY RESEARCHER**

| m. Rev. James Stephen
| Douphinee b.26.4.1916

>> Erce! (Ersel?) Olive Mullen
| b.7.9.1924

| m. Donald Hazen Connor
| b.1916 d.1972

>> Edsel Craig Mullen
| b.25.10.1928

| m.?5.1970
| Ernarmy Rideout;
| b.1945 Newfoundland,
| Canada; d.1998

