



m. est.c1835

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

[WILSON p.144] names her Margaret MacAlpine, as she  
was known; another source names her Mary in error;  
she was residing with son William Hassett in 1881,  
and with her daughter Mary Barr in 1891; she d.26.5.1892

NOTE: The family now use the spelling MacAlpine but  
on earlier documents & records it is usually 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

#### BLANNERHASSETT & HASSETT

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..."

#### HARMAN BLANNERHASSETT CONNECTION ?

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

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 as 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*);  
The Denny (Tralee, Co.Kerry) family, who are connected to  
Blennerhassett, have as a crest "an upright hand and forearm  
holding five ears of wheat, somewhat similar, but the Denny  
motto is "the harvest also shall be mine"

"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 Blennerhassett; it was used by  
the following families: Andrew/Andrews (Scotland), Brencley  
(Kent), Dobbin (England), Fane (Ireland), Killegroue/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

St James' Church of England

at Hassett, Nova Scotia  
opened 19-October-1889,  
demolished 1956;

Painted by Esther MacAlpine  
Esther was great-grandniece of  
(Katherine) Margaret McAlpine  
who married Wm Hassett Sr  
the family now use MacAlpine  
but on earlier documents and  
records it is often McAlpine

NOTE ON J.C. DALPHIN >>>  
the parents of JC Dalphin were  
John Byrne (b.1818 Killarney,  
Kerry, Ireland; d.23.3.1867 NY)  
& Clara Scrymgeour Burt  
(b.c1828/9 "in Carisbrook  
Castle" at Newport, Isle of  
Wight, Hampshire, England);  
they married at N.York and are  
bur. at Greenwood Cemetery,  
(Olive & Geranium Paths off  
Sassafras Avenue ) Brooklyn,  
New York City

both parents died when JC was  
very young, he being placed  
for adoption (probably with  
George Dalphin of Orange Co.,  
NY) by his guardian John  
Craig Havemayer of New York  
City (wealthy sugar refiner)  
after whom JC was named

>> Harlow Hassett >>>>>>>>>>>> Ermanie Hassett  
b.3.12.1876 (twin) Hassett,  
Nova Scotia; d. bef.1971; m. Harry Kilbourne  
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 >>>>>>>>>>>> Jean Hassett b.27.6.1922  
b.3.12.1876 (twin); Hassett  
New Tusket, Digby Co., m. <??> Lund  
Nova Scotia; d.27.4.1933  
m.1876 Weymouth, James Hassett  
Digby Co.; Edna Preble >> Richard Hassett

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

>> Ethel May Hassett >>>>>>>>>>>> <??> Dalphin; b.c1900/01 Malden, Mass., USA; died aged 10 days; bur. Malden Cem.

b.27.3.1880 Hassett, NS;  
in 1900 at 13 Alexander St. >> Clara Scrymgeour Dalphin >>>>  
Roxbury Mass. & St Alban's b.18.8.1906;  
Hotel, Malden, Mass.; of Washington DC, USA  
in 1901 to Washington DC,  
at 937 K Street NW; 1021 m.6.12.1929  
11th Street; & 1230 11th St.; Sidney Allyn McCracken  
in 1906 at 904 K St.; in 1920 of Overbrook, Kansas  
at 1113 Mass. Ave. NW  
(at 11th); d.25.6.1955; bur. Rock Creek Park Cem., Wash. D

m.1st 13.2.1900 (Lutheran); Boston, Massachusetts;  
John Craig "JC" Dalphin (formerly Byrne)  
b.5.11.1864 Cherry Street, New York City, New York;  
civil engineer; from 1901 at Washington DC worked for the  
U.S. Army Engineering Dept. & Dept. of Interior, retiring  
1932; after which wrote a memorandum of family history;  
d.12.6.1937; bur. Rock Creek Park Cem., Washington DC

m.2nd James Kinney; b.16.6.1869; of Philadelphia;  
d.16.6.1953; bur. Rock Creek Park Cem., Washington DC

>> Harman Hassett (sometimes written Harmon, Herman etc)  
b.22.9.1883 Hassett, New Tusket, Digby Co., Nova Scotia;  
of St. Bernard, Digby Co. 1901; d.26.12.1958  
perhaps named for Harman Blennerhassett of Blennerhassett  
Island in the Ohio River, West Virginia (see NOTES to left)

m. Debbie Hammond

>> Helena "Helen" Hassett >>>>>>>>>>>> Leland Dyker Mullen  
(not Elma); b.17.11.1913;  
b.4.6.1885 Hassett, m. Rosalie Marie Jason; b.1917  
New Tusket, Digby Co.,  
Nova Scotia; >> Wallace Preston Mullen >>>>>>>>  
of New Tusket; d.1969 b.5.7.1915 New Tusket  
m. Hilda Esther MacAlpine; b.1934

g.son Michael remembers  
seeing photo of her >> Vera Louise Mullen; b.3.1.1917;  
"on a beautiful horse m. Earl Buice b.1894 d.1970  
dressed in the finest attire"

m. New Tusket; Inez Jean Mullen; b.7.11.1919;  
Herbert Scott Mullen m. Francis Emmett Sheahan; b.1903 d.1965

b.15.7.1882 d.11.2.1954 >> Floris Genesta Mullen >>>>>>>>>>>>  
b.27.10.1920

m. Rev. James Stephen; Dophinee b.26.4.1916



**DANIEL McALPINE (or MacAlpine)**

"Daniel McAlpine lived south of Sissiboo River and in 1806 took possession of an extensive block in New Tusket, north of Meteghan River [WILSON p.138]; He was listed as resident taxpayer over 21 yrs of age in the district comprising the present township of Weymouth for the year 1816 [WILSON p. 457]; In 1822 he built a camp on his lot in New Tusket, intending to make a clearing and remove thither at an early day..."; a man named Kerrigan built a camp that same year [WILSON p.140-1]

McAlpine settled on his tract in 1824, this land later owned by Alfred S. Mullen"; with the Primes, he was the earliest settler of New Tusket [WILSON p.140]; From Land Grants File at P.A.N.S.: "McAlpine, Daniel, 1815: Petitioner was born in Perthshire, Scotland and brought up in Nova Scotia. He resides at Sissiboo and has a wife and three children. He asks for land in Annapolis county. Served as volunteer in H.M. Navy. Warrant for 300 acres, Dec. 1815." [OneWorldTree, courtesy Gordon Smith]

**The strange tale of HARMAN BLENNERHASSETT'S VIOLIN**

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

>> Daniel O'Connell Hassett >>>> >>> William Henry Hassett  
 b.c1846 Farmer | b.4.2.1873 St.Mary's Bay  
 /  
 m.19.8.1871 Weymouth, Nova Scotia;  
 Elizabeth Jane McNeill b.c1855  
**(another source says he m.19.8.1871 Mary S. Marr, dau. of Henry & Sarah Marr)**

>> John Hassett; bapt.30.8.1847 at Sainte Croix Church (RC), Plympton, Digby Co.

>> Mary Ellen "Nellie", "Ella" >>>> >>> Otis Warren Barr >>>>>>>> Otis Barr; b.1918 d.1983  
 Hassett b.c1845/7 (one source | b.1.5.1873  
 has her Margaret, in error); | /  
 Her mother & her sister Susan | m.3.9.1902 Clara Jane Alude(?)  
 lived with them 1881  
 / >> Edna Barr b.16.10.1872  
 m. Amos Barr; b.26.1.1842  
 d.2.5.1918 Weymouth >> Sophie Barr b.c1879

>> (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; |  
 moved to Massachusetts, | went to USA 1876; >> dau.  
 USA 1899; at Melrose (Ward 3), | naturalised in USA 1919  
 Middlesex Co., Mass. 1900 | /  
 / m.1900 New Tusket; Frank H. Sabean; b.28.12.1873  
 d.15.7.1901 Worcester, | Ashmore, Digby Co.; moved to USA 1908; Naturalised 1919;  
 Worcester Co., Mass., USA; | Finisher in leather tannery 1920  
 Farmer; Anglican (C.of E.); |  
 of St.Bernard, Digby Co. 1881; >> Percival "Percy" Hassett >>>> John P. Hassett  
 of Hassett, Digby Co. c.1892/3 | b.22.1.1881 (US SS death | b.c1903 d.c1920  
 index has b.13.1.1880) |  
 / >> Herbert E. Hassett b.c1905 >>>>  
**postmaster; he opened the** | at Hassett, New Tusket, | of Oakland, Calif., USA  
**second Post Office at Hassett** | Digby Co., Nova Scotia; | /  
 / bapt.26.2.1882 | m. <???>  
**Their house at Hassett was** | the house he grew up in |  
**burnt c1892/3; lost in the fire** | was burnt c1892/3; >> Grace F. Hassett >>>>>>>>  
**were said to be papers and** | of Boston, Mass. | b.c1906  
**objects belonging to Harman** | until c1900 when moved | of Los Angeles, Calif. >>  
**& Margaret Blennerhassett** | to Seattle, Washington; | /  
**of Blennerhassett Island,** | following d. of his wife | m. Warren Seabold(?)  
**including Harman's violin** | moved to LA, California | >> Margaret Ann Hassett >>>>>>>>  
**(see NOTES on NS 02)** | to live with dau. Grace | b.1907/8  
 / Freeman Johnson, | /  
 b.c1870 USA lived with | d.14.2.1976 W.Hollywood, | /  
 this family in 1881 | Los Angeles, California; m. <???> Murphy  
 / bur. Calvary Cemetery . (RC),  
 m.16.1.1876 | Seattle, Washington, USA  
 Weymouth, Digby Co.; | /  
 Frances "Fanny" Augusta | m. Annie Laurie Miller  
 Sabean | of Weymouth, Mass. USA; bur. Calvary Cem. (RC), Seattle,  
 b.?6.1858 Weymouth, | Washington; Her father & g.father were ship masters and  
 Digby Co.; | ship owners out of Weymouth, Mass., USA >>  
 dau. of Haines & Statira Ellen |  
 Sabean | >> Daniel "Dan" Hassett; b.25.10.1881 New Tusket  
 / >> Herbert E. Hassett >>>>>>>> dau.  
 d.1955 Worcester, Mass. USA | b.c1882/3 New Tusket;  
 / of California >>  
 She told her son Percy, when | /  
 he was a child, "...Percy, the | Merchant Seaman for most of his life,  
 Irish will be the ruin of  
 of you, but remember you  
 have a good Scots Grandma..." | "...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

>> <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

>> Edward Byron Hassett >>>>> Olga E. Hassett >>  
b.25.6.1886 New Tuskett; b.10.12.1921  
Engineer; moved to USA 1899; San Joquin, 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 >>

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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.

>> Albert Eugene Hassett >>>>>> June Edrie Hassett >>>>>>>>>>>>  
(Albert B. Hassett in b.12.5.1919 Barton,  
one census, in error) Digby Co., NS;  
b.29.8.1890 New Tuskett; d.17.3.1998 Kentville, NS;  
of Weymouth, NS.; of Kingston  
served in the army; / >>  
d.1949 Tremont, NS; m. Christie Ruggles  
bur. Tremont Cemetery, d. bef.1998  
NS, in the Ruggles plot, >>  
NS, in the Ruggles plot, >>  
a small stone inscribed >>  
only "A.E.H." >>

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m.1918  
Florence Katherine  
MacDonald  
b.20.4.1898 NS  
d.21.10.1931 Weymouth,  
NS

>> Margaret Louise Hassett >>>>>>>>>>>>  
/  
of Barrs Corner, Parkdale, Lunenburg Co., NS  
b.4.7.1931 Upper Granville, Annapolis, NS; d.28.10.2008 Lunenburg, NS  
/  
m. Don Reeves; farmer

/  
Their children were raised  
by the MacDonald family  
after Florence died

>> Vivian Frances Hassett  
b.12.2.1930 d.7.3.1962

>> Roger Hassett

>> Eugene MacDonald >>>>>>>>>>>>  
Hassett  
b.8.8.1928 Upper  
Granville, Annapolis, NS;  
raised by an aunt;  
d.13.5.1987 Simi Valley,  
California, USA  
/  
m. Araceli Paduada Delfino  
b.2.8.1932 Manila, Philippines

>> Albert Lorraine Hassett  
b.1926 Upper Granville, Annapolis Co., NS;  
d.18.11.1995 Bridgetown, Anapolis Co.

>> Margaret W. Hassett; b.c1894 New Tuskett (once source has her b.c1878/9 in error)  
moved to Massachusetts, USA 1908; a boarder at Salem (Ward 1), Essex Co., Massachusetts, USA 1910

>> Jennie Hassett, b.May 1898 New Tuskett, Digby Co., NS  
sailed from Yarmouth, NS to Boston, Mass.  
on ship "Prince Arthur", arriving 2-Nov-1899

>> Susan Hassett b.c1856

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Perhaps(?) identical with:  
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Susannah Hassett; living >>>>>>>>>>>> George Harmon (perhaps Harman) Hassett  
with sister Mary Barr 1881 b.10.6.1869 New Tuskett

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m.27.6.1867 Weymouth, Digby County; George W. Johnson  
NOTE: if these two identical, her c1856 date of birth must be wrong...