BLENNERHASSETT-CASHEL family of Co.Kerry

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Family tradition has the mother of George Blennerhassett Cashel (b.c1807) as a Blennerhassett, disinherited/disowned by her family for making an inappropriate marriage;
Mrs Patricia "Pat" Lavelle (b.1898 d.1966), g.g.dau. of George Blennerhassett Cashel, believed the name of this Blennerhassett ancestor to be Letitia;
she also thought Letitia may have been a daughter of Sir Rowland Blennerhassett, Bart. (b.c1740/1 d.1821), 1st Baronet of Blennerville, Co.Kerry (p.F 2)
both these are possible, but remain unproven, no evidence has been found

This family is being researched by Mark Humphrys; for possible link to Blennerhassett family on p.K 19, see Mark's website pages: Letitia Blennerhassett James Ponsonby

image courtesy of Mark Humphrys

>|>>>> <???> >>>>>>>>: >|>> Letitia(?) Blennerhassett >>>>: >|>> George Blennerhassett >>>>>> >|>> Edward Francis Cashel >>>>>: >|>> descendants in Alaska and California

Blennerhassett

Letitia(?) Blennerhassett
b.est c1785; of Ireland
(C.of I.)
/
/
She is said to have been disinherited for running away from home & marrying a Catholic; and herself becoming a Catholic; "...her family disowned her but the Cashels all thought it very romantic..."
/
m. (RC)
(Edward) J. Cashel
/
or Edward George Cashel
/
or George Philip Cashel

|>> **A. (Arthur?) Blennerhassett**
JP (magistrate) 1828
Perhaps(?) a brother, uncle, cousin or other relation, of Letitia Blennerhassett
/

George Blennerhassett
Cashel
/
(NOTE: Pat Lavalle's notes have him named George Edward Cashel but this appears to be incorrect)
/
b.c1807 Co.Kerry (RC);
(perhaps b.1.2.1807, as he retired on 1.2.1867 which may have been his 60th birthday)
/
Police Constable; described as "Gentleman" in his son's 1869 marriage record
/
d.21.6.1882 at the home of his son, William Henry Cashel, the Carlow Railway Station; Will pr. 21.9.1882 Carlow
/
In 1828 he joined the "County Constabulary", the pre-RIC police force, being recommended by "A.Blennerhassett, JP"
/
He was Constable 1839; Head Constable (2nd class) No.560 in 1858; Served at Waterford 1828; Tipperary 1833; Wexford 1858 (some sources have 1868, in error) Carlow also in1858; retired 1.2.1867 (the year RIC was formed)
/
of Mullinahone Co.Tipperary
[GV Tipperary 1848-52]
/
m.1838 Mullinahone, Co.Tipperary;
Mary Frances Kickham of Co.Tipperary
b.est c1815;
Probably d.bef.1861
RIC records have them m.June 1841, in error
/
dau. of E.Kickham and <??> Armstrong

Edward Francis Cashel
b.c1842 Co.Tipperary;
/
m. a Russian lady; emig. to USA; stayed with his Uncle William Kickham & family at Georgetown, Virginia
fought in US Civil War on Union side; after the war continued in army, stationed at Kodiak Island, Alaska

|>> William Henry Cashel; b.c1846 Co.Tipperary; d.28.10.1891 Croom, Co.Limerick
Stationmaster on the G.S.W.R. (Great Southern & Western Railway); living at Carlow Railway Station 1882

|>> Blennerhassett "Blen" >>>>>>: >|>> (Mary) Agnes "Agg" >>>>>>>: >|>> Stephen O'Mara

Blennerhassett "Blen"
Cashel;
b.c1848/9 Co.Tipperary;
d.21.10.1915;
of Mallow; of Banteer;
of Cork City in Co.Cork (1911)
and of Parsonstown (now Birr), Co.Offaly & Thurles, Co.Tipperary
/
Railway Clerk; Stationmaster; Railway Goods Superintendant & Agent for G.S.W.R. Cork
/
"...he had very little of the world's goods but he envied no man..."
/
Went to NY USA 1870 to find his missing elder brother Edward Francis Cashel, but in New York received a dispatch informing him that his brother was stationed in Alaska, so returned home without having seen him
/
m.1st 30.9.1869 Cork;
(Maria) Agnes Lyons
of Tralee, Co.Kerry;
b.1846 d.10.1.1896 Cork

(Mary) Agnes "Agg"
Cashel; of Cork; b.21.12.1870 Mallow, Co.Cork; d.2.6.1958
/
m.23.4.1895 Dublin;
James O'Mara B.A.(R.U.I.), R.C.S.; b.6.8.1873 Limerick
Royal University of Ireland (Engineering, BA 1898)
/
Dublin Bacon Merchant & import/export of provisions
/
Mem. of "Home & Foreign Produce Exchange Ltd" London; of Killiney, Dublin; 43 FitzWilliam Place, Dublin; later of Cashel House, Cashel Bay, Connemara, Co.Galway, where he made a beautiful garden
/
Home Rule MP for South Kilkenny 1900-07;
Sinn Fein TD (MP) for Kilkenny South,1918-21
Member of 1st Dail 1919;
Free State TD 1924-27;
d.21.11.1948
bur. Glasnevin, Dublin
/
["Limerick Leader" 12.12.1998 "50 Years Ago"] ["Thom's Irish Who's Who" 1923] [TIMES ?.10.1900 p.13]

|>> Kathleen "Kat" Mary Cashel
b.11.5.1872 Mallow; d.1945
/
m. Jack Riordan (issue 3 sons)

|>> Ellen "Eileen" Mary Cashel; b.9.8.1873 Banteer; d.31.12.1878

|>> Willie Cashel; d. young 1878/9

|>> Annie Cashel; d. young 1878/9

Stephen O'Mara

|>> Patricia "Pat" O'Mara >>>>>>> >|>> issue
b.23.7.1898 d.8.4.1966;
FAMILY RESEARCHER
author of a memorandum on the Cashel & Blennerhassett family, and the note above…
/
m. Dick Lavelle

|>> Maureen O'Mara >>>>>>>>>> >|>> issue
/
m. Dr George Francis Duggan

|>> Eileen O'Mara >>>>>>>>>>>> >|>> issue
/
m. Dr Alec Spain

|>> Dr Una O'Mara
/
m. Dr John Shanley

|>> Sheila O'Mara
/
m. Capt. George Henry Rice

|>> Eithne O'Mara >>>>>>>>>>>> >|>>
b.14.10.1908 London
d.10.1.1995
/
m.24.9.1929 Ballybrack;
Dick Humphreys
b.23.4.1896 Limerick;
d.20.9.1968 Dublin;
Moved to Dublin 1909
Fought in the G.P.O. 1916 with his uncle, the O'Rahilly & imprisoned in England; took no part in Civil War
/
Designed his own Thomond motor car No.2 1929, rebuilt as No.4 1933; Raced motorcycles & cars 1920-1927
competed in Isle of Man TT 1921 (raced with Stanley Woods, who won 10 TT races 1923-39)

In 1828 this A. BH recommended George Blennerhassett Cashel to join the "County Constabulary", forerunner of the RIC;

possible candidates to be this A. Blennerhassett are:

1. Arthur Blennerhassett, JP, of Blennerville (p.F 7)
b.27.10.1776 Blennerville; d.31.5.1839 Blennerville
when the large tomb in Blennerville churchyard erected;
his death notice **[KEP 1.6.1839]** names him magistrate;
his widow's death notice **[KEP 30.12.21846]** names him JP;
bro. of Sir Robert Blennerhassett, 2nd Bart. of Blennerville

2. Arthur Blennerhassett of Blennerville (p.F 2)
b.30.7.1794 Blennerville; d.22.4.1849
an RC convert, following marriage to a RC in 1826; took an oath as RC 1827 **[correspondence of Daniel O'Connell]**
from 1831 he was Sir Arthur Blennerhassett, 3rd Baronet

3. Arthur Blennerhassett of Ballyseedy (p.B 9)
b.1.1.1799 Elm Grove, Ballyseedy;
d.3.1.1843 (or 23.1.1843?) Nantes, France
MP Co.Kerry 1837-1841
"4th cousin of Rowan Cashel" (Re: Mark Humphrys)

4. Arthur Blennerhassett, Permit Officer (p.IRE 10)
d.post 1819; his wife d.c28.10.1819 at Aungier Street, Dublin
["Clare Journal" 28.10.1819]

possible candidates to be Letitia Blennerhassett are:

1. Letitia Blennerhassett of Rossbeigh, Killorglin (p.K 18)
b.9.6.1780 Rossbeigh, Co.Kerry; bapt.10.6.1780 Tralee (CoI)
m.1st 29.6.1799 Maj. Richard Carrique Ponsonby
of Crotto, nr Listowel
m.2nd William Lindsay of Tarbert, Co.Kerry

2. Letitia Blennerhassett of Co.Limerick (p.R 8)
m.4/8/5.1804 Samuel Harding

3. Letitia "Lucy" Hurley of Tralee (p.F 8)
m. Rowland Blennerhassett b.26.12.1780; d.12.4.1854

Alice "Al" Mary Cashel; b.17.7.1878 Parsonstown, Kings Co. (now Birr, Co.Offaly); Edu. Cambridge; Teacher

Blennerhassett Joseph Cashel; b.6.8.1879 d.7.8.1880 Railway Station, Thurles, Co.Tipperary

Madeline Mary "Dot" >>>>>>> Cashel; b.23.7.1882 Limerick City; of Little Island, Cork; Teacher; Early Sinn Fein Supporter c1907
/
m.16.7.1914 Dublin; William M. Conacher

John(?) Cashel; d. young

Daniel(?) Cashel; d. young

George Cashel d.post 1956 Vancouver, BC, Canada
/
m. Maggie <???>

James "Jim" Blennerhassett Conacher; b.1916 d.c1994; Irish-Canadian historian
/
author of: "Party Politics in the Age of Palmerston"; "The Aberdeen Coalition, 1852-55: mid-19th C. politics"; "The Peelites and the Party System, 1846-52"; "The Gladstonian Turn of Mind: essays presented to James B'hassett Conacher"; "Britain & the Crimea 1855-56: problems of war and peace"
/
(See "Canadian Who's Who" 1981, 1983, 1989; also Dictionary of American Scholars vol.1: History, pub. 1974, 1978, 1982, 1999)

Desmond Conacher
/
m. Mary Smith (her mother is related to the Blennerhassetts through the Bernard family; p.G 72)

Blennerhassett Conacher

Hugh Connacher

m.2nd 26.10.1898 Dublin
Marion "Mal" Clare >>>>>>>> McSwiney; b.c1865/7 Limerick City; d.4.4.1940 Cork

Helena "Helen" Mary Cashel >>> b.17.10.1899 Cork City
/
m. Frank McGrath

5 children

(Agnes) Mary Cashel >>>>>>> b.c1850
/
m. David Sheahan (Sheehan)

Cis Sheahan; b.1874 unm.

Agnes "Agg" Sheahan; unm.

Bessie "Bee" Sheahan; unm.

David Sheahan "lost" in America

George Sheahan "lost"