

James (Sir), K.B. This gentleman being involved in a quarrel with Sir George Wharton, son of Lord Wharton, a duel resulted at Islington, 8 Nov. 1609, wherein both the combatants fell. Sir James left a widow, Dorothy, dau. of George, 4th Earl of Huntingdon, but had no issue. The lady subsequently m. Robert, 2nd Earl of Roscommon.

WILLIAM, of whom presently.

Walter, M.D., who had two daus., namely,

FRANCES-SOPHIA, one of the celebrated beauties of her time, King CHARLES II. was supposed to have been deeply enamoured of this lady, and to have even contemplated a divorce from the queen in order to marry her. But to the king's great indignation, she married, without his consent, Charles, 6th Duke of Richmond and Lennox. Lord Clarendon was thought to have promoted the match, to prevent the other design. The marriage took place privately, and was publicly declared in April, 1667.

Sophia, m. to the Hon. Henry Bulkeley, master of the household to CHARLES II. and JAMES II., 4th son of Thomas, 1st Viscount Bulkeley, and was mother of Anne, wife of James, Duke of Berwick.

His lordship d. 8 March, 1617, and was s. by his elder surviving son,

WILLIAM, 2nd baron, who m. Helen, dau. of Sir William Scott, of Ardross, by Jean, his wife, dau. of Sir John Skene, of Curriehill, and was s. at his decease, 1638, by his son,

WALTER, 3rd baron. This nobleman m. Mary, dau. of Sir William Mure, of Rowallan, but having no issue by that lady (who m. 2ndly, John Brisbane, Esq.), was s. at his decease, in 1641, by his brother,

ALEXANDER, 4th baron, who m. Margaret, dau. of John Shaw, of Greenock, and grandda. maternally of Sir John Houston, of Houston, by whom he had a son and dau. He was s. by the former,

ALEXANDER, 5th baron, who d. in 1704, and was s. by his oldest son (by his second wife, Anne dau. of Sir Robert Hamilton, titular Lord Pressmannan),

WALTER, 6th baron, one of the representative peers; at whose decease, *unm.*, in 1718 the barony devolved upon his brother,

ROBERT, 7th baron. This nobleman m. 1st, Lady Helen Lyon, dau. of John, 4th Earl of Strathmore, but by that lady had no surviving issue. He m. 2ndly, Margaret, dau. of William Hay, Esq. of Drumelzier, and had six sons and four daus.; of the daus. Helen m. in 1755, Oliver Colt, Esq., of Auldham, Inverock, and Garthsherie, and d. in 1828, aged 98, leaving with other issue a son, Robert Colt, Esq., M.P., who m. Grace, dau. of Robert, 2nd Lord President Dundas, of Arniston, and niece of Henry, 1st Viscount Melviell, and left issue. His lordship d. 1743, and was s. by his oldest son,

WALTER, 8th baron, who dying *unm.*, in 1751, was s. by his brother,

WILLIAM, 9th baron, at whose decease, in 1776, *unm.*, the barony descended to the next brother,

ALEXANDER, 10th baron. This nobleman m. in 1773, Katherine, dau. and heir of Patrick Lindsay, of Eaglescairn, Esq., * by whom (who d. Dec. 1822) he had issue,

i. ROBERT-WALTER, his successor.

ii. Patrick (Sir), of Eaglescairn, gen. in the army, G. C. M. G., col. of the 44th regt., and governor of Malta, b. 1777; m. in 1810, Catherine-Henrietta, dau. of the Hon. John Rodney; and d. 7 Feb. 1856, having had by her (who d. 17 April, 1870),

- 1 Robert-Henry, b. in 1811; d. in 1832.
- 2 Alexander-Charles, of Eaglescairn, b. in 1814; m. 1860, Elizabeth-FredERICA, dau. of Lord John-G. Lennox.
- 3 Charles, b. in 1817; d. in 1836.
- 4 George, b. in 1825.
- 5 William, b. in 1834; d. in 1840.
- 6 Patrick-Lindsay, b. in 1832.

1 Louisa, m. 21 Nov. 1848, the late Right Rev. George Tomlinson, bishop of Gibraltar; and d. 15 Sept. 1860.

2 Catherine-Margaret, m. 6 Sept. 1849, to Captain Bryan-Holme Holme, of Paull-Holme, co. York.

3 Jane-Frances, m. 20 June, 1845, to Adm. the Hon. George Grey, R.N., son of the late Earl Grey.

4 Mary-Janet, m. 8 July, 1869, to William-Bligh O'Connell, son of the late Lieut.-Gen. Sir Maurice O'Connell, K.H.

5 Emily-Henrietta.

6 Helen-Elizabeth; m. 24 Sept. 1856, to the Rev. Thomas Huntley Greene, and d. 26 May, 1879.

iii. William, b. 1778, lieut. gen.; d. *unm.* 1837.

iv. Charles-Francis, barrister-at-law, b. 1780; d. 2 Dec. 1858.

v. Margaret, m. 1809, to the Rev. Andrew Stuart, and d. 1839.

His lordship d. in 1788, and was s. by his eldest son,

ROBERT-WALTER, 11th baron, b. in 1776; m. 20 Feb. 1818, Fanny-Mary, 2nd dau. of the Hon. John Rodney, by Lady Catherine Nugent, his wife, dau. of Thomas, 6th Earl of Westmeath, and had issue,

CHARLES, present baron.
William, C.B., envoy extraordinary and min. plen. to the

* By Margaret, dau. and heir of Thomas Halliburton, Esq. of Eaglescairn.

King of the Netherlands, and also to His Majesty as Grand Duke of Luxemburg, b. 3 March, 1824; m. 6 Sept. 1866, Georgina, eldest dau. of Lieut.-Gen. Tremehere.

Walter-Rodney, b. 16 July, 1826; and d. in 1888.

James, b. 28 July, 1827, lieut.-col. in the army, major 5th lancers; d. 11 April, 1870.

Henry, b. 30 June, 1830; and d. in 1842.

Catherine, m. in 1843, to W. Rashleigh, Esq. of Menabilly, Cornwall; and d. his widow, 8 Nov. 1872.

Fanny-Mary, m. 10 Aug. 1847, to William Ferrand, Esq. of Harden Grange and St. Ives, co. York, and had a son, Hugo, d. 24 June, 1877, aged 28.

Georgina-Eliza, m. 27 May, 1857, to the Right Hon. Sir Andrew Buchanan, G.C.B., British ambassador at St. Petersburg.

Caroline-Henrietta, m. 12 Aug. 1850, to the Earl of Seafield.

His lordship, a lieut.-general and C.B., was accidentally killed during the conflict at Brussels, 22 Sept. 1830. His widow d. 19 Nov. 1875.

Creation—10 July, 1606. Douglas says, that the creation took place at least seven years prior to this date, although he acknowledges not having seen the patent, but concludes such to be the fact, from a charter granted to the first baron, erecting certain lands into a free barony, dated 18 Jan. 1598, wherein he is styled "*Waltero domino Blantyre, thesaurario S. D. N. regis, hereditibus masculis,*" &c.

Arms—Or, a fesse, chequy arg. and az., surmounted of a bend engrailed gu., in chief a rose of the last. Crest—A dove, with an olive leaf in its mouth, ppr. Supporters—Dexter, a savage, wreathed about his head and middle with laurel, and holding over his shoulder a club, all ppr.; sinister, a lion, gules. Motto—Sola juvat virtus.

Seats—Lennox-love, formerly Lethington, near Haddington; and Erskine House, Glasgow. Town House—41, Berkeley Square, W.

BLAYNEY, BARON. See PEERAGES EXTINGUISHED.

BLENNERHASSETT.



BLENNERHASSETT, SIR ROWLAND, of Blennerville, co. Kerry, b. 5 Sept. 1839; M.P. for Galway from 1865 to 1874; now M.P. co. Kerry; s. his father as 4th bart. in 1849; m. at Munich, 9 June, 1870, the Countess Charlotte de Leyden, only dau. of the Count and Countess de Leyden, and has issue,

i. ARTHUR-CHARLES-FRANCIS-BERNARD, b. at Munich, 14 April, 1871.

ii. Paul-Charles-William-Marmaduke-Rowland, b. 4 Dec. 1877; d. 25 Aug. 1878.

i. Marie-Carola-Francisca-Roselyne, b. 5 Jan. 1876.

Lineage.

This family is of English origin, and has either received its surname from, or conferred it upon, Blennerhassett, co. Cumberland, where it appears to have been stationary for several centuries. The Blennerhassetts emigrated from Flimby, Cumberland, and settled in Ireland during the reign of ELIZABETH; the first settlers, SIR THOMAS BLENNERHASSETT, and his son, ROBERT, obtained a part of the Earl of Desmond's large possessions in Kerry. ROBERT BLENNERHASSETT, M.P. for Tralee, 1618, m. Elizabeth Conway, dau. of Captain Jenkin Conway, by Mary, dau. of Sir William Herbert (of the Colebrooke branch of the Herberts), and was father of

JOHN BLENNERHASSETT, Esq., who m. Martha, dau. of Wm. Lynn, Esq., and had issue,

i. JOHN, M.P. for Kerry, ancestor of the BLENNERHASSETTS of Ballyscedy, represented by ARTHUR BLENNERHASSETT, Esq., of Ballyscedy, co. Kerry (see BURKE'S Landed Gentry).

ii. ROBERT. iii. Thomas of Leitir.

i. Mary, m. to Thomas Wren, Esq.

ii. Alice, m. to Edmond Conway, Esq. of Clochane.

iii. Lucy, m. to John Walker, Esq.

The second son,

ROBERT BLENNERHASSETT, Esq., M.P. for Tralee 1634; m. Avice, dau. and co-heir of Jenkin Conway, Esq., and was father of three sons and five daus. The eldest of the former,

HENRY BLENNERHASSETT, Esq., m. Dorcas, dau. of Francis Crumpe, Esq. of Killarney, by Dorcas, his wife, dau. of Robert Orpen, Esq. of the co. Kerry, and had,

ARTHUR, who went to France, and became a Doctor of the Sorbonne.

ROBERT, of whom presently.
 Samuel, *m.* Catherine, dau. of Archdeacon Maurice Connor, of Ardfert, and had four sons and three daus.; Thomas; Henry; John; William; Frances, *m.* to Daniel McCarthy, Esq.; Mary; and Anne, *m.* 1st, to John Hoare, Esq., and 2ndly, to J. Blennerhassett, Esq.
 Edward.
 Richard, *m.* Mary, dau. of Edward Rice, Esq., and had a son, Richard, and two daus.
 Dorcas, *m.* to John Godfrey, Esq.
 Avicla, *m.* to John Yielding, Esq.
 Alice, *m.* to Daniel Ferris, Esq. of Muckinagh.
 Lucy, *m.* to John Heafy, Esq.

The fourth son,

ROBERT BLENNERHASSETT, Esq., *m.* Frances, dau. of Richard Yielding, Esq., by Belinda, dau. of Rowland Bate-man, Esq., high sheriff of Kerry, 1669, and had issue,

ROWLAND, his heir.

Arthur, who *m.* Catherine, dau. of James Hickson, Esq., and had a son, Robert, and a dau., Rosanna, wife of Sir Robert Blennerhassett, Bart.

Belinda, *m.* to Charles, son of Denis Hurley (of the family of Sir Thomas Hurley, of Knocklong), by Avice, 5th dau. of Robert Blennerhassett and his wife Avice Conway. This Charles Hurley and his wife, Belinda, had a dau., Mary, *m.* to Tallics Eagar, Esq. of Reen Cahir.

Alice, *m.* 9 June, 1758, to James Eagar, Esq. of Castle Bally-malls, and had, with six daus., a son, Rowland Eagar, Esq., J.P., collector of excise, co. Kerry.

Mildred, or Millicent, *m.* to Tallics Eagar, Esq. of Culleen-y-more, and had five daus. and one son, Rowland.

Sarah, *m.* 10 Sept. 1776, to John Eagar, Esq., J.P. of Ardri-nane; and *d.* 1826, leaving five sons and one dau.

The elder son,

I. ROWLAND BLENNERHASSETT, Esq. of Blennerville, *b.* in 1741; created a Baronet, 22 Sept. 1809; *m.* Millicent-Agnes, dau. of Richard Yielding, Esq. of Belview, co. Limerick, and had issue,

ROBERT, his successor.

Richard-Francis, *b.* 23 May, 1772; *m.* Agnes, dau. of Sir Barry Denny, Bart., and *d.* without issue in 1827.

Arthur, of Blennerville, *b.* 27 Oct. 1776; *m.* Sept. 1799, Helena, Jane, dau. of Thomas, Lord Ventry, and had a dau., Theodora, *m.* 1836, to Richard Chute, Esq., eldest son of Francis Chute, Esq. of Tullygaron, co. Kerry.

Rowland, M.P. for Kerry, *b.* 26 Dec. 1780; *m.* Letitia, eldest dau. of John Hurley, Esq. of Tralee, and had issue; his son and heir, RICHARD-FRANCIS BLENNERHASSETT, Esq. of Kells, co. Kerry, *m.* Honoria, dau. of William Carrigue Ponsonby, Esq., of Croto, and was father of the present ROWLAND PONSONBY BLENNERHASSETT, Esq. of Kells, M.P. for Kerry.

William, *m.* Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Blennerhassett, Esq. of Ballymacprior, and *d.* in 1842, having had issue.

Catherine, *m.* to the Rev. Edward Conyers, of Knockman.

Sir Rowland *d.* 14 March, 1821, and was *s.* by his eldest son,

II. SIR ROBERT, *b.* 26 Jan. 1769; *m.* 27 May, 1790, his cousin, Rosanna, only dau. of Arthur Blennerhassett, Esq. of Fortfield, co. Kerry, by whom (who *d.* in 1828) he had issue,

ARTHUR, late baronet.

Rowland, R.N., *b.* 6 Nov. 1795; *d. unm.*

Robert, *b.* 27 July, 1797; *m.* 4 Sept. 1838, Sarah, dau. of the late Dr. Alexander Eagar, and *d. s. p.* 1862.

Richard, *b.* 25 Aug. 1799; *d. unm.*

William, *b.* 2 Feb. 1802; *d. unm.*

Catherine, *m.* 16 May, 1822, to the Rev. Edward-Fitzgerald Conyers, 2nd son of Charles Conyers, Esq. of Castletown Conyers, co. Limerick, and had issue.

Sir Robert *d.* 21 Sept. 1831, and was *s.* by his son,

III. SIR ARTHUR, *b.* 30 July, 1794, who *m.* 26 July, 1826, Miss Sarah Mahony (of the O'Mahonys of Kerry), and by her (who *m.* 2ndly, 16 May, 1860, Frederick Randall, Esq. of Highbury, and *d.* 11 July, 1866) had a dau., Rosanna, and a son, the present SIR ROWLAND BLENNERHASSETT, 4th Bart. Sir Arthur *d.* 1849.

Creation—22 Sept. 1809. Arms—Gu., a chevron, ermine, between three dolphins, embowed, arg. Crest—A wolf, sejant, ppr. Motto—Fortes fortuna juvat. Seat—Churchtown, near Killarney. Club—Brooks'.

B L O I S.

BLOIS, SIR JOHN-RALPH, Bart. of Cockfield Hall, co. Suffolk, High Sheriff of Suffolk in 1862, and a D. L. for that county; *b.* 13 Aug. 1830; *s.* his uncle as 8th baronet, in 1855; *m.* 25 Jan. 1865, Eliza-ellen, youngest dau. of Captain Alfred Chapman, R.N., 90, Eaton Place, and has issue,



I. RALPH-BARRETT-MACNAGHTEN, *b.* 21 Nov. 1866

II. Charles-Godfrey, *b.* 27 Dec. 1867.

III. Eardley-Stewart, *b.* 3 July, 1869.

IV. Stephen-Russell, *b.* 6 Oct. 1870.

V. Dudley-George, *b.* 12 Feb. 1875.

I. Alice-Clara. II. Maudie-Bontricie. III. Adeline-Louisa.

IV. Constance-Violet, *b.* 25th May, 1876.

V. Cecily-Mabel, *b.* 4 July, 1878.

Lineage.

Tradition finds this family in England at the CONQUEST, and states that the surname was adopted from the city of Blois, in France. (Kimber's *Baronetage*.)

TOMAS BLOIS, living at Norton, Suffolk, in 1470, was great-grandfather of

RICHARD BLOIS, of Grundisburgh Hall (to which seat the family removed *temp.* HENRY VII.), whose great-grandson, WILLIAM BLOIS, Esq. of Grundisburgh Hall, *m.* Cecily, dau. of Sir Thomas Wingfield, Knt., and dying in 1672, was *s.* by his eldest surviving son,

SIR WILLIAM BLOIS, Knt., who *m.* 1st, Martha, dau. of Sir Robert Brooke, of Cockfield Hall, Suffolk, and by her had to survive, an only son: he *m.* 2ndly, Jane, dau. of Sir Nathaniel Barnadiston, Knt., by whom he had an only dau., *m.* to Sir Andrew St. John, Bart. (*see post* ST. JOHN of Bletshoe, B.). Sir William was *s.* in 1675, by his only surviving son,

I. CHARLES BLOIS, Esq. of Grundisburgh Hall, who was created a Baronet, 15 April, 1686. Sir Charles removed from Grundisburgh to Cockfield Hall, in 1693, upon the death of his aunt, Mary, the only surviving child of Sir Robert Brooke. He *m.* 1st, Mary, dau. of Sir Robert Kemp, Bart. of Gissing, co. Norfolk, and had, with other children,

Robert, who *m.* Amy, only dau. of John Burrough, Esq. of Ipswich, and *d.* in 1728, *s. p.*

William, who *m.* Jane, 3rd dau. of Sir Robert Kemp, of Ubbeston, in Suffolk, and dying in 1738, left a son,

CHARLES, who *s.* his grandfather.

CHARLES, who *s.* his nephew, as 3rd baronet.

Sir Charles *m.* 2ndly, Anne, dau. of Ralph Hawtrey, Esq. of Ruislip, in Middlesex, and had,

John, of Gray's Inn, who *d. unm.* in 1745.

RALPH, who became 4th baronet.

Anne, *m.* to Samuel Thompson, Esq. of Ufford.

He *d.* 9 April, 1738, and was *s.* by his grandson,

II. SIR CHARLES, at whose decease, *unm.*, in 1760, the title reverted to his uncle,

III. SIR CHARLES, who *d. s. p.* 1761, and was *s.* by his half-brother,

IV. SIR RALPH, who *m.* Elizabeth, eldest dau. of Reginald Rabbett, Esq. of Bramfield, in Suffolk, and dying in 1762, was *s.* by his only surviving son,

V. SIR JOHN. This gentleman *m.* 1st, Sarah, youngest dau. of Geo. Thornhill, Esq. of Diddington, co. Huntingdon, and had, CHARLES, his heir, with a dau. Sarah. He *m.* 2ndly, Miss Otley, and by her who *d.* 11 July, 1808) left,

Ralph-John, *d.* in 1818.

Lucretia-Grace, *m.* in 1805, to Dr. Turner, and *d.* 1826.

Lucy-Anne, *m.* in 1817, to the Rev. Charles-Thomas Johnson, rector of Emborne and Hemsted Marshal, in Berks.

Sir John *d.* in 1810, and was *s.* by his son,

VI. SIR CHARLES, who *m.* 30 Dec. 1789, Clara, dau. of Jocelyn Price, Esq., of Camblesworth Hall, co. York, and by her (who *d.* 22 Feb. 1847) had issue,

I. CHARLES, 7th baronet.

II. John-Ralph, commander R.N., *b.* 1795; *m.* 1827, Eliza-Knox, 2nd dau. of the Rev. John Barrett, rector of Iniskeel, co. Donegal, and *d.* in 1853, leaving issue,

1 Charles-Samuel, lieut. 37th regt., *b.* 1 Aug. 1828; *d. unm.* 31 July, 1849.

2 JOHN-RALPH, present baronet.

3 George-Vanneck, *b.* 1838; *m.* 1870, Claudine-Frances, dau. of G. Marshall, Esq. of St. Leonard's, and *d.* 1872.

4 William-Thornhill (Avonside, co. Warwick), capt. 6th foot, *b.* 1842; *m.* 4 June, 1874, Fanny-Elizabeth, eldest dau. of the late William Arkwright, Esq., of Sutton Scarsdale, co. Derby, and has a son, Eustace-William.

1 Lucy-Anne. 2 Clara-Palmer.

III. William, col. in the army; *d.* 14 Nov. 1866.

IV. Thomas, lieut.-col., *d.* 16 Jan. 1871.

I. Frances-Mary, *m.* 14 Dec. 1815, to the Rev. Eardley Norton, who is deceased; *d.* 12 May, 1872.

II. Clara, *m.* 14 Dec. 1815, to W. Palmer, Esq. of Ladbrooke.

III. Lucy-Anne, *m.* 6 Jan. 1817, to Joshua, Lord Huntingfield (his lordship's 2nd wife).

Sir Charles *d.* 20 Aug. 1850, and was *s.* by his son,

VII. SIR CHARLES, lieut.-col. East Suffolk militia, who *d. unm.*, 1855, and was *s.* by his nephew, SIR JOHN-RALPH BLOIS, 8th baronet.