







seal of Alan de Blenerhayset  
Carlisle 25.5.1390

annual rent of one shilling, so perhaps this Ms. is the origin of one of these tenements; this is dated 25.5.1390 (13 Richard II); the counterpart is endorsed "*Alanus Blenerhayset in fossa versus castrum* [castle]" but the body of the deed has "*in fossato Carlioli* [Carlisle]" altered from "*in fossato castru*"

The indenture, in Latin, carries a red wax seal of 27mm diameter still in good condition, with Alan's arms "a chevron bearing five ermine spots between three dolphins niant" and the legend "*sigillum halani de blenehay*" [Ca/3/5/1/12]; [CWAAS NS 1906 vol.6 pp.317-8, with illustration] correctly describes ermine spots; [A2A] wrongly calls them escallops; this indenture and seal are described in a Carlisle newspaper cutting of c1886, in [FS]

Appointed Controller of Customs in Cumberland 19.11.1392 [Cal. Pat. Rolls 1392, p.183]

on 2.2.1396/7 Alan de Blenerhayset witnessed a grant from "Richard de London to Richard de Redeness" of a "...waste tenement in the city of Carlisle lying between tenement of John Dowson & highway leading to FISHER St. [via piscatorum] abutting at one end on a tenement of John Toyt and at the other on the highway by the meat market [macellum]...;

in 1399/1400 Alan de Blenerhayset, his son John & John's wife Johanna were all party to a fine relating to lands at Arthuret, Caldcotes, Weryholm, Stubhill, Liddel (Le Dale), Bocherby, Etterby, Cummersdale, Wampool, Anthorn & Solom [CWAAS NS 1907 vol.7 p.245]

at Easter 1400 William & Joan Osmunderlaw released to Alan de Blenerhayset and others, lands in Carlisle, Cummersdale, Anthorne & Sollom for 100 silver marks (£66.13s 4d, as 1 mark = 13s 4d, ie 2/3 of a £) - [Cumberland Feet of Fines, 1 Hen IV 1399] [CWAAS NS 1916 vol.16 p.174]

Alan de Blenerhayset  
m. 1st est. c1350  
<??> Bruton (Burton?)

[DAVY Ms. pp.353 & 360] shows her as *Bruton* or *Burton* with her family arms:-  
**azure, a lion rampant gardant ayraut c. o. or**  
[SPURDEN p.252 (241/139A)] shows her as *Bruton* ;  
[DAVY] appears to have copied from [SPURDENS].  
& both are unreliable as far as Cumberland data is concerned;  
NOTE: John de Newbiggen (whose mother was a de BH) also married a <??> Barton [N&B vol.1 pp.365, 370] (C 01)

It is unclear if this <??> Bruton/Burton is:  
a) the wife of Alan de Blenerhayset Sr  
or  
b) the 1st wife of his son, Alan de Blenerhayset Jr

Alan de Blenerhayset  
m.2nd c1.5.1373 Carlisle

(his marriage agreement in French dated 1.5.1373 [D AY 2/12])  
**Juliana de Qwytfeld**, dau. of Matthew de Qwytfeld (Quitfeld?) and widow of Adam de Aglionby (by whom she had an eldest son William de Aglionby, who m. her step-daughter, Alan's daughter by his previous marriage, Marion/Maria de BH)

Juliana gave to 2nd husband Alan de Blenerhayset, jointly with John Bon(e), parson of Kirklevington, and Sir John Masceon, chaplain) "...half of the manor of Terraby and all her lands & tenements in Bourstede in the vill of Burgh-by-the-Sands, as well as all the reversions, rents and services which she Will inherit on the death of her father Matthew de Qwytfeld, also all her lands, tenements, woods and meadows in Comqwynton,

Sir Gyles de Orton was MP Carlisle 1337/8;  
he d.3.8.1369, writ for i.p.m. issued 15.8.1369,  
i.p.m. Penrith 8.9.1369 (43 Edw. III), C. Edward III file 212 (5),  
with summary in [Cal.Esch. vol.12 No.401 p.387-8]

Sir Giles was g.son of Sir Alan de Orton, who claimed grant of free warren in manor of Orton 1291/2 (Placita de quo Warranto, 20 Ed. I, p.125); he descended from Robert de Orton of Orton, fl.1252 temp. Henry III [N&B vol.2 pp.207-8, 506] [WHELLAN p.175]; [GRAHAM p.39] has pedigree showing Giles a g.son of John, brother of Alan, but this seems to conflict with his text

>>> John de Blenerhayset, esq

witness to the election of his brother Ralph de Blenerhayset as MP for Carlisle 1412/13 [HOC 1486-1421 p.253];  
Listed in a return of Gentry of Cumberland in 1433 [BP]

in 1434 he was ordered to take the oath not to maintain peace-breakers 1434 [Cal. Pat. Rolls 12/13 Hen.VI p.383]

Bailiff of Carlisle 1413 and 1420/21; Mayor of Carlisle in 1430/1 [D AY 1/126]; [JACKSON Ms.] names him Thomas, in error; 1438 [D AY 1/129] & 8.11.1440 [Cal. Pat. Rolls 19 Hen.VI p.502]

as member of Carlisle council witnessed a document in 1436 [Ca/3/5/1/25]; soon after 1440 the mayor & citizens of Carlisle sued John de Blenerhayset, gent., the late mayor, for detaining money belonging to the citizens, which should have been "dispensed" for the defence of the city;  
[early Chancery proceedings 27/194] [NA C 1/27/194]

in Mss. dated c1430 on, it may be difficult to know if referring to this John de Blenerhayset, the Mayor, or his nephew John de Blenerhayset, Citizen & Merchant of Carlisle (see RIGHT), but a 1438 lease of tenement at FISHER St., Carlisle, at an annual rent of a root of ginger [D AY 1/129], clearly mentions both

>>> Robert de Blenerhayset of Carlisle, fl.1390-1419;  
he was party to a deed which he sealed with his arms:  
Ermine a dolphin embowed 1395/6, 18 Richard II  
[N&B vol.2 p.426] [BP] [BROWNE p.1] [JACKSON Ms.]

Robert de Blenerhayset's name appears as a witness etc on doc's at [CRO Carlisle] dated: 1392/3 [D AY 1/91A]; 1392/3 [D AY 1/91A]; 1399 [D AY 1/95]; 1400 [D AY 1/100, 101]; 1411 [D AY 1/106, 7, 8, 9, 110; D AY 2/18]; 1418 [D AY 1/120]; Member of Carlisle Council 1419 [Ca/3/5/1/18];

It is possible some of these Ms. refer not to this Robert de Blenerhayset, but to his uncle Robert de Blenerhayset

in 1406 he was a juror at the i.p.m. for Mary de Stapleton [CWAAS NS 1912 vol.12 p.220];  
he is mentioned in his sister Maria's 2nd marriage agreement of 1418 [D AY 1/117]

perhaps(?) identical with Robert Blenerhasset of Carlisle  
- who was a juror at an important i.p.m. made at Carlisle 20.3.1428/9 [Cal. Feudal Aids 1428/9, Cumberland p.245]  
- and who is mentioned in s Ms. of 1430/31 [D AY 1/127]  
but this may be a Robert BH of the subsequent generation

m. Helen (Elena) <??>; fl.1390

meadow, Warthwikholme  
1471 [D AY 1/163].  
1469-71 [D AY 1/160-3]

In 1438 he leased "for 15 years, rendering annually a root of ginger" a tenement in FISHER Street, "between the tenement of John BH esq. [his uncle, the Mayor, C 02] and barn of John BH merchant [himself], lying in front, from the tenement of John BH esquire to the road which leads to 'le upcome' of the walls of the city..." [D AY 1/129];

in 1466 he gave his son Rev. Robert BH (C 07) his barn at end of FISHER Street, Carlisle [D AY 1/129, 1/157-8]

in 1466 he gave to John Aglionby of Carlisle a "barn within the city at the end of FISHER St. extending in front towards the 'upcome' of the walls of the city, also a piece of ground lying at the back of the barn being about a perch in width and abutting along its length as the barn abutts which the donor had by the gift and feoffment of Thomas del Sandes, son and heir of Thomas del Sandes..." [D AY 1/157]

John Blenerhayset, John Midilham & Oliver Ireby of Carlisle leased on 26.1.1430/1 from the Mayor and Community of the City of Carlisle, "...all the ditches with profits of herbage and water around the walls of the city from the latrine by Cokegarth to the Caldew gate on condition that they Will keep the heads of the ditches enclosed to exclude animals..." [Ca/3/5/1/21]

m. <??>

2>>> son <??> de Blenerhayset

3>>> son <??> de Blenerhayset

4>>> son <??> de Blenerhayset

NOTE: The 2nd, 3rd and 4th sons shown here are known only through Ralph (C 05 below) being a fifth son it is possible they were sons who died young, leaving John & Ralph, but this is conjecture...

### THE MANOR OF GREAT ORTON

The manor descended to four daughters & co-heirs of Sir Clement de Skelton of Armthwaite & Joan de Orton, at which time the manor & advowson were divided into three parts; "*They divided the manor into three parts, which Leighe, Ridley and Blennerhasset enjoyed respectively, and charged the land with a rent of £8 to Bellases, who sold the same to one Coldall a merchant in Carlisle, which afterwards came by marriage to a younger branch of the Briscoes. Afterwards John Brisco purchased Leigh's part of Wilfrid Lawson and Maud his wife, and of Thomas Blenerhasset another third part.*" [N&B vol.2 pp.203, 207-8] [DENTON/1 p.82] [LB p.48]

Agnes de Skelton, eldest dau. (m. Sir William Leigh of Isell, who d.1469); her descendant 1 Thomas Leigh of Isell died leaving his property to his widow Maud; she remarried to Sir Wilfred Lawson, who sold Agnes' 1/3 of Great Orton to John Brisco of Crofton 1574 [N&B vol.2 p.203]

Joan (Jane) de Skelton (m. Ralph de Blenerhayset) - her descendant Thomas Blennerhasset 2 of Carlisle (C 07) sold Joan's 1/3 share to John Brisco of Crofton 1580 [N&B vol.2 p.203] [N&B vol.2 pp.207-8, 506] name him Richard (w. Ralph as his brother) in error, NOTE at top right

Alice de Skelton (m.1st Nicholas Ridley of Willimoteswick, Northumberland & m.2nd 3 John Bellasis); her Ridley descendants sold Alice's 1/3 share to the tenants in 1577 (from Alice descended Bishop Ridley, the Marian Martyr - MORIARTY p.274)

<??> de Skelton (m. <??> Belasis) who sold her own share of a charge of £8 pa on the 4 property to Richard Coledale, merchant, of Carlisle, from whom descended George Brisco, who with his father Robert Brisco sold the Coldale charge to John Brisco of Crofton 1613

WAMPOOL - Blennerhasset held land at Wampool, as follows:

"...Afterwards Blennerhasset, Dacre, and Warwick of Warwick were Lords thereof. Richard Warwick heir of the Warwicks' part lately sold the same to the inhabitants who are lords of the freeholds. It is holden of the barony of Burgh and was antiently a demesne, but is now divided into four tenements, two whereof are Warwicks, and Blennerhasset and Dacre have the other two. Warwicks' moiety descended from Thomas de Whirrig Knt; Blennerhasset's part from William Arthuret Knt, heir to Adam de Crofton." [DENTON/1 p.75]



**DISCONNECTED :**

?????????????>>> William de Blenerhayset  
Mayor of Carlisle 1382

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**Perhaps(?) identical with a**  
William Hassett whose Will (in latin)  
was pr.12.5.1425 [PCC NA PROB 11/3]

?????????????>>> Richard de Blenerhayset; of Carlisle1415/16,  
when he witnessed a document with John de Blenerhayset  
(son of Alan - C 02) who may perhaps(?) be his father....  
[D AY 1/117]

?????????????>>> <son> Blennerhassett  
m. temp Henry V (1413-22) or Henry VI (1422-71);  
dau. of John Eglesfield of Sutton  
from a family tree of 1730 at [CRO Carlisle]

?????????????>>> <??> Blennerhassett  
"...of Carlisle...";

**de STAFFOL of STAFFOL**  
**(now STAFFIELD)**

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m. temp. Henry V (1413-1422) to <??> de Staffol,  
one of 3 daughters & co-heirs of de Staffol of Staffol (now Staffield) in Kirkoswald, Cumberland and  
probably also of Arthuret, Cumberland; by this marriage obtaining a 1/3 share in the manor of Staffield  
[DENTON/1] [LYSONS p.128] [N&B vol.2 p.426] [FERGUSON p.125]  
[HUTCHINSON vol.1 pp.208, 494] [WHELLAN p.137] [BP] [BIFR p.133] [BROWNE p.1b] [JACKSON Ms.]

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**N&B vol.2 p.208 names the above Ralph de BH (C 01) as "Richard"**  
& names the BH who m. de Staffol as "Ralph", a brother of Richard;  
other sources [GRAHAM] [BP] [BIFR p.133] have followed [N&B];  
however, [LB] says these are all in error, [N&B] having become confused  
with the later Richard (C 03); [LB] appears to be correct in this;

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*no source has been found giving a forename to the de Blenerhayset who  
married de Staffol, or a forename to the de Staffol lady whom he married*

**MANOR OF STAFFOL (now STAFFIELD)**

"...STAFFOL lies between Kirkoswald and Ainstable, from the  
river Eden to the mountains, and is a fee of Kirkoswald, and gave  
name to a family of gentlemen of that place. The issue male ended  
about Henry the fifth's time [1413-1422]; and then the inheritance  
fell to three daughters, who transferred it by marriage to the  
families of Chambers, Mulcaster, and Blenerhassett of Carlisle.  
It is now [c1777] the property of the Fletchers of Hutton..."  
[N&B vol.2 p.426]

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**The three daughters & co-heirs "de Staffol" of Staffol (now Staffield) and Arthuret were:-**

- 1 <??> de Staffol m. <??> Chambers
- 2 <??> de Staffol m. John Mulcaster (son of Richard Mulcaster)  
who "...married the heir of Arthuret and Staffol, by whom we  
hold lands about Carlisle..."
- 3 <??> de Staffol m. <??> Blennerhassett of Carlisle  
[DENTON/1 p.125] [GRAHAM pp.110-124]

**See NOTE on the Mulcaster -  
Blennerhassett connection (C 03)**















