HASSETT family of Orange Free State, South Africa
This is believed to be the only Hassett family to emigrate to South Africa during the early 19th century

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A branch of this family relates a tradition that *"…they were originally Blennerhassett, either from Co.Cork or from Tralee in Co.Kerry; and that at sometime during the potato blight period there was a major family feud over issues involving Land and mineral rights, as a result of which they dropped the Blenner part and became Hassett…"* but no evidence that this family was once Blennerhassett has been found, further research is required….

Andrew Hassett
of Co.Kildare, Ireland
/
m. Catherine Neuham(?)

John Hassett
b.16.5.1813 Co.Kildare, Ireland;
emig. to South Africa
/
A tradition of this family is that their ancestor was a lawyer who, following a failed insurrection in Ireland, visited one of the leaders in goal, then, for reasons unknown, the lawyer himself decided to leave Ireland for South Africa
/
it is possible this may refer to the "Young Ireland" uprising of 1848 (see NOTE below)
/
d.30.8.1879 at Kroonstad, north of Bloemfontein in the Orange Free State, SA
/
m. Bloemfontein;
Maria Margaret Cornelia Glisson

NOTE:
If John Hassett was an Irish lawyer, would probably have been educated at Trinity College, Dublin and if a barrister qualified at the Kings Inn, Dublin; need to check the register of alumni for both Trinity College Dublin and Kings Inn Dublin

NOTE:
The Fenian movement, with members in Ireland, England & America, sought independence for Ireland from British rule; Because of suffering caused by the famine, anger against the British government increased in 1848. In this year a group of revolutionaries known as "Young Ireland" launched an uprising against the government, but this failed; Two of the leading members of 'Young Ireland' were James Stephens and John O'Mahony, who in the eyes of the authorities had committed a serious crime; to escape punishment both men fled to Paris

Morris Hassett
b.est.c1860; RC
/
magistrate at Vryburg, Transvaal, South Africa;
d.<???> bur. Vryburg
/
m. in South Africa;
Suzanne/Susanna <???>

and perhaps(?) identical with:
Morris Hassett
Spekulant,
of Beaconsfield, Brandfort 1898
/
who as a widower
m.2nd 30.8.1898 at Jacobsdal Dutch Reformed Church;
Heila Magdalena Petronella Louw;
a minor (b.post.1877)

Bartholomew "Bart" John
Hassett; b. South Africa;
Clerk of the Court at Pretoria, South Africa
/
m. Catherine de Wet
of Wepener, RSA

Eileen Hassett

Bartholomew John Hassett

Suzanna Hassett

Madeline Hassett

Bridget Hassett (twin)

Judith Hassett (twin)

Patrick Hassett

Daniel Hassett

Morris Hassett

Fred Hassett

Eileen Agnes Nora Hassett
b.1892 South Africa
d.1918 Pretoria, RSA
(in Spanish Flu epidemic)
bur. Rebecca Street Cemetery, Pretoria
/
m. Henry "Harry" R. Bircham
his 1st marriage;
he m.2nd 1926 Alice Waldeck and moved to Bloemfontein, SA
(they had a dau. Patricia Alice Bircham, who m. <???> Wilson)

Edna Eileen Bircham
b.c1916 (18 months old when her mother died)
/
m. <???> Evans
of Burry Port, Gwynder, Wales

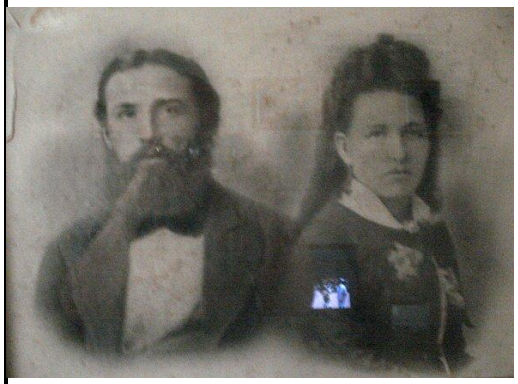
Fred Hassett; b. South Africa; may have moved to Australia

Mary Hassett; b. South Africa

Judith Hassett; b. South Africa

Bridget Hassett; b. South Africa

Patrick Hassett; b. South Africa



Hendrik S.A.Enslin & Margaret Hassett
photo: courtesy of Phillippa Ryder

|
|>: John Hassett >>>>>>>>>>>>>>> >|>> John Glisson Hassett
| b.c1846 Kroonstad; b.2.10.1882; bapt.19.11.1882
| a veeboer (cattle or livestock Sacred Heart Church, Bloemfontein (RC)
| farmer) of Kroonstad *sponsors: Andrew & Bridget (Briget) Hassett*
| /
| m.11.1.1869
| Cornelia Carolina Bornman
| b.c1853; of Kroonstad
|
|>: Catherine Margaret Hassett
| b.30.7.1848 d.17.2.1881
|
|>: Thomas Edward Hassett
| b.5.7.1850
|
|>: Margaret Hassett >>>>>>>>>>>> >|>> <???> Hassett >>>>>>>>>>>>>>: >|>> <???> >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> >|>>
| b.c1857 d.est.c1902 b.1898 /
| / / m. <???>
| m.1877 Bloemfontein m. <???>
| Hendrik Stephanus A. Enslin
| b.1847
|
|>: Edward Hassett
|
|>: Elizabeth Mary Hassett
| b.c1858 d.3.11.1924
| of Bloemfontein
| /
| m.20.11.1882
| Bloemfontein (RC) Church
| Patrick Kelly
| b.c1854
|
|>: Patrick Hassett
| perhaps(?) identical with Patrick Hassett
| who d.10.10.1918 of flu;
| funeral: RC church, Bloemfontein;
| bur. Bloemfontein New Cemetery
|
|>: Andrew Hassett
| /
| perhaps(?) identical with
| Andrew Hassett; JP (Magistrate) until 1925; d.1927
|
|>: Mary Margaret Cornelia Hassett
|
|>: Bridget Clarendon Mary Hassett