

The Ancestry of Susannah Tapper

born Susannah Blachford in 1744 in Fordingbridge, Hampshire

By Mark Wareham, great x 5 grandson

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The family pedigree and history of the Blachfords of Fordingridge before 1750. A 'gateway' family to medieval noble ancestry.

The information contained in these spreadsheets is gathered from several sources and I have tried to use recognised source material where it is available, such as Visitation reports of the Harleian Society of the 16th and 17th centuries, parish records, wills, county histories or other reference books. There is some information from the internet such as Wikipedia or some independent study. For maternal ancestral branches refer to the worksheets arranged in alphabetical order according to family name.

I have not included a full history of all of the lines going back into medieval times as this would produce a massive piece of work and historical study beyond the bounds of this family history. However I have produced a separate essay and family tree chart which is available on request.

Blachford family

The **Blachford Coat of Arms** to the right are from the [Harleian Society Visitations of London 1633](#)

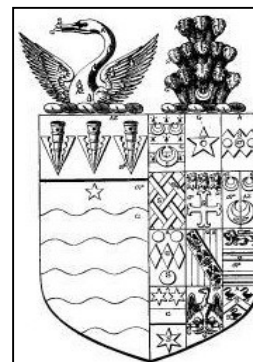
The arms on the left are those of Blachford then on the right hand side -

Top row right left to right - Waterton, Assenhull, De Burgh

Second row - Bellew, Molyns, Courte

Third row - Montague, Grandison, Tregoz

Fourth row - Ewyas, Monthermer, Hymerford



Note - confirmation of the Molyns, Courte, Montague and Monthermer arms contained in the above crest comes from the Harleian Visitations of Somerset detailing the Molyns pedigree (MS Harl 1544 fo 107).

Blachford seal matrix found in Gloucestershire - <http://finds.org.uk/database/artefacts/record/id/586299>

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See also this website for other Blachford related information - <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fordingtondorset/Files/JohnBlachford1574.html>

Blachford line

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| Susannah Blachford b 5/9/1744 Fordingbridge, Hampshire d 1/4/1832 Iwerne Minster (age 90) | m 29/12/1763 Fontmell Magna, Dorset | James Tapper * b 1743 prob Iwerne Minster d 1/3/1808 Iwerne Minster (age 65) | * see Wareham line |
| John Blachford b 12/10/1715 Fordingbridge, Hampshire d 9/3/1773 Fontmell Magna, Dorset | m 17/10/1743 Fordingbridge | Susannah Pinhorne b 18/12/1717 Fordingbridge, Hampshire d 16/5/1782 Fontmell Magna, Dorset | |
| Daniel Blachford b 1/10/1681 Fordingbridge, Hampshire d 31/8/1728 Fordingbridge | m 15/4/1708 Fordingbridge | Mary Pinhorne b 31/7/1683 Fordingbridge, Hants d 22/11/1765 Fordingbridge, Hants | |

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| Daniel Blachford | m 29/3/1678 Fordingbridge | Christabella Clare Barry | |
| b 3/3/1651 Ellingham, Hants | | b 7/5/1657 Gorley, Hants | |
| d 5/1/1720 Gorley, Fordingbridge, Hants | | d 14/5/1728 Fordingbridge, Hampshire | |
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| Robert Blachford | m 30/3/1647 Rockbourne, Hampshire | Elizabeth Wright | m 1667 (2nd) Anne Mullens |
| b 21/1/1624 St Michael Bassishaw, London | (1st) | b */2/1621 St John's, Winchester, Hampshire | b bf 1649 |
| d 13/10/1670 Newport, Isle of Wight | | d 12/6/1663 Fordingbridge | d aft 1671 |
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| Richard Blachford | m 16/3/1623 Fordingbridge, Hampshire | Eleanor Waterton | |
| b 1601 Ashmore, Dorset | | b c 1605 Newport, Isle of Wight | |
| d 10/11/1635 St Mary Woolnoth, London | | d aft 1648 Southampton ? | |
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| Richard Blachford | m 1597-1601 Ashmore or Dorchester | Frances Combe | |
| b bf 1580 Devon ? | Dorset | b 1580 Ashmore, Dorset | |
| d 1652 Dorchester, Dorset | | d 16/12/1647 Dorchester, Dorset | |
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| William Blachford | m bf 1580 | Martha ? | |
| b 1545 Holsworthy, Devon | | b bf 1552 | |
| d aft 1625 | | d ? | |
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| John Blachford | m 22/4/1543 St Mary Arches | Joan Biele | |
| b c 1522 | Exeter, Devon * | b bf 1525 | |
| d ? | | d ? | |

Susannah Blachford (1744 - 1817)

1832 burial of 'Saray Tapper of East Orchard' at Iwerne Minster is most probably Susannah given the age and location. There was no other Tapper family of EO that match.

Children of James and Susannah Tapper - 1765 (ba ?) Elizabeth (m Thomas Hurdle 1784 IC), ? James (bur 1768 IM), 1771 Mary (ba ?, m Thomas Tuffin 1792 Sutton Waldron), ? James (bu 1775 IM), ? William (bu 1775), ? Susannah (m 1789 Joseph Lockyer Sutton Waldron), 1778 William (m 1808 Shroton Hester Bolwell).

1763 marriage at Fontmell Magna, Dorset

James Tapper of the parish of Iwerne Minster
and Susanna Blachford of this parish

Married in this church by banns this twenty ninth day of December in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty three by me Rector Dibben

Mark of 'x' James Tapper and 'x' Susanna Blachford

In the presence of Mary Mitchell and Hannah Warham (prob. Wareham)

John Blachford (1715 - 1773) and wife Susannah (1717 - 1782)

1782 will of Susannah Blachford

I Susannah Blachford of Hartgrove in the Parish of Fontmell Magna in the County of Dorset - Widow do this Eighth Day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Two make Publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner following -

That is to say First I give and bequeath unto my good friends James Bennett of Hartgrove aforesaid Gentleman and John Mitchel of the same Yeoman and the survivor of them his Executors and Administrators all my ready money and Securities for money which shall be payable of at the time of my decease In trust that they and the survivor of them

his Executors and Administrators do apply and dispose of the same to and for the only live and benefit of my son John Blatchford During his natural life as they or the survivors them his Executor or Administrator shall in his or their discretion think fit and if my said son shall happen to Die before my said Trustees shall have paid or applied the moneys herein before given them for his benifit then I give the remainder that shall be dispersed of unto my daughter Ann Ball.
I also give and bequeath unto my said daughter Ann Ball all and singular my Goods Chattels and wearing apparel and all other of my personall Estate whatsoever and wherever To hold to her, her Executors, Admors and assigns forever and I do hereby Constitute and appoint my said Daughter Ann Ball whole and Sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said Testatris Susannah Blatchford have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the day and year first above written

Dorset Archives - leases, Glyn Estate

D/GLY/C/T 21 dates 1734-1797

42. Plot lately inclosed out of Blackven Common near the Pound, 1780 (1). (Blachford).

1773 will of John Blachford

I John Blachford of Black Venn in this Parish of Fontmell Magna in this county of Dorset Gentleman being of sound Mind Memory and Understanding but calling to mind the mortality of my Body and the uncertainty of this life Do Make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament in Manner following that is to say Principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent manner at the Discretion of my Executrix herein after named, nothing doubting but at the General resurrection I shall receive the same again through the Merits of my Blessed Savioure and Redeemer and a touching such worldly Estate wherewith I have pealsed God to bless me with I dispers thereof as follows.

First I give and bequeath unto Susannah my wife all my Hay, Corn, Cattle, Wheat in Ground and all other my stock in Husbandry whatsoever and if my said Wife Shall at any time hereafter have of Business then I Will all my stock in Husbandry wherein before particularly mentioned unto my said wife and my four sons viz Daniel, Richard, Robert and Joseph to be equally divided between them but in case my said wife should happen to die without having off Business as aforesaid then I give my said stock in husbandry unto my said sons last mentioned son v equally to be divided amongst them share and share alike.

I also give unto my said Wife the use of all my Household Goods during her natural life and after her decease I give them to my daughter Ann Blatchford

I also give and bequeath unto my son Daniel my Writing Desk and Gun.

I also give and bequeath unto my daughters Mary the wife of Matthew Hunt and Susannah the wife of James **Tapper** one shilling each.

And lastly all the rest residue and remainder of my Goods, Chattells and Personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife whom I make whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking disannulling and making void all former and other Wills and Testaments lying at anytime heretofore made and do Ratify and confirm this only to be my last Will and Testament,

In Witness whereof I have hereto set my Hand and Seal the Twentieth Day of December One Thousand seven Hundred and seventy Two.

Signed Sealed Published and Declared the said Testator John Blachford as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us Robert Smith, Samuel West

On the Tenth day of July 1782 This Will of John Blachford deceased was proved by the Oath of Ann Wife of William Ball the lawful Daughter sole Executrix and residuary Legatee named in the last Will and Testament of Susannah Blachford the sole Executrix and residuary Legatee above named and Administration of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the above named John Blachford do saved together with his said will answered was committed and granted to the said Ann Ball, Susannah Blachford the Executrix above named dying before she had taken upon her the Execution of the said Will and the said Ann Ball having been first sworn before me Geo Marsh Snr.

John Blachford of 1715 took over Hartgrove Farm at Fontmell Magna in about 1750 from another John Blachford who was his father's cousin (and once Mayor of London).

Court record of the transfer states that John the younger was the son of Daniel Blachford of Fordingbridge. Hartgrove was known as Blatchford Farm until the 1990s from when it became Blackberry Farm.

Hampshire Records Office (11M61/601)

27/12/1748

Agreement reciting that John Tarrant of Fordingbridge, gent, John Gilbert of Bickton, yeoman and John **Blachford** of Bickton, yeoman had taken a lease from William Norris of Fordingbridge, gent, of one acre of meadow in broad mead and watercourse for 21 years.

By signatories to pay proportion of rent and cost of cleaning out watercourse according to acreage of their land watered with schedule of 8 pieces of land

1744 to 1748 on the baptisms of his children John Blachford was described as 'John of Bickton'.

Children of John and Susannah Blachford at Fordingbridge - 1744 Susannah (m 1763 James Tapper), 1747 Daniel (m 1780 Susanna Kerly, Durweston), 1748 Francis, ? Richard (m Ruth Still), ? Mary (m Matthew Hunt), ? Robert, ? Joseph (m Mary ?), ? Ann (m William Ball).

Blachford family history by Jack AG Blachford

John [Note - John of London] held property during his lifetime in Londonand the lease of a small holding called Newshay in the Manor of Hartgrove near Sixpenny Handley in Dorsetshire. (From the manorial records of Hartgrove Manor) Copy holders of Newshay:

First copyholder (25.4.1699-1709) Robert Blachford of Sandhill

Second copyholder (1709-1709) Daniel Blachford of Wilton (son of Robert above)

Third copyholder (1729-1759) John Blachford (Alderman) of London

Fourth copyholder (1753-) John Blachford (farmer) of Shaftesbury

There is an old farm at Hartgrove (otherwise Black Venn) in the Fontwell Magna parish, still known as Blachford farm. Probably the farm of John Blachford the farmer of Shaftesbury.

From: 'Fontmell Magna', An Inventory of the Historical Monuments in Dorset, Volume 4: North (1972), pp. 21-27.

URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=128133&strquery=blatchford> Date accessed: 01 July 2013.

Blachford's Farm (83821854), of one storey with attics, has rubble walls and tiled roofs and was built c. 1600, probably with a class-F plan. The S. front has been refaced and all windows and doorways are new. Inside, the middle room, sub-divided by modern partitions, retains a nine-panel ceiling with four intersecting beams, and a large open fireplace.

1715 baptism John son of Mr Daniel Blashford of Gorley

Daniel Blachford (1681 - 1728)

1765 burial of Mary says 'widow of the late Mr Daniel Blachford' at Fordingbridge.

1728 burial Daniel Blashford of Bicton buried at Fordingbridge.

1728 will of Daniel Blachford

In the name of God amen this twenty eighth day of August ... 1728 I Daniel Blachford of Bickton in the parish of Fordingbridge in the County of Southton Gent being sick & weak of body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be to God for the same I doe make and ordain this to be my last will and testain in manner and forme following revoking and hereby annulling and making void all foremer and other wills by me heretofore made

Imprimis I give and bequeth unto my well beloved wife Mary all my said lands and all my goods chattles rights and credits whatsoever during her natural life upon condition that she shall pay my debts and brood up my children and when they are soe bred up my will is what shall then be left shall be equally divided amongst my children in manner following viz

to my son Daniel a double part (that is to say) as much again as either of the other herein after named

and to my five daughters Elizabeth, Anne, Jane, Christable and Susannah an equal share alike and in case their shares shall not amount to more than my daughter Mary the wife of John Sibly have already paid then my will is that she shall have additional part more as shall make the equal with the other five above named

and my will further is that in case my son John shall not be otherwise provided for by his cousin John Blachford then he shall have an equal share with his sisters above named and I doe nominate ordaine and appoynt my said wife Mary to be full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament and I desire my two brothers in Francis Blachford and Robert Blachford and my brother in law Abraham Pinhorne to be my trustees and to see this my last will justly performed.

In testimony hereof I the said Daniel Blachford the testate hath hereunto ... my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Hampshire Records Office (11M61/357-358)

6 Jun 1711

Release of messuage and 16 acres of land, tenement called Four Acre Bargain, cottage and 5 acres of land at Hightown, parcel of the manor of Ringwood and cottage and 27 1/2 acres of land, parcel of the manor of Ibsley (with fine)

i) Clifford Hall of Alderholt, Dorset

(ii) Henry Lyne of Hightown, Ringwood, yeoman and Daniel Blachford of Goreley, gent

Children of Daniel and Mary Blachford at Fordingbridge - 1709 Mary (m John Sibly), 1710 Daniel (of Daniel junior of Gorley) (m Hannah Garrett)*, 1712 Ann (m Isaac Norris), 1714 Waterton (of Mr Daniel of Gorley) (bu 1714), 1715 John (m 1743 Fordingbridge, Susannah Pinhorne), 1720 Christabel (m Roger Curtis), 1724 Susannah (m ? Fricker), ?

Elizabeth (m James Brixey), ? Jane (m Stephen Pope).

1702 will of Henry Barry

... I give and bequeath unto my two kinsmen Daniell Blackford the younger, and to Bartholomew Gibbs, of London, the sum of £5 apiece, to be paid unto each of them within twelve months next after my decease.

see also below

1686 Visitations of Hampshire

Daniel son of Daniel Blachford and ____ daughter of Francis Barry of Gorley in Fordingbridge.

Daniel Blachford (1651 - 1720)

1720 burial at Fordingbridge 'Mr Daniel Blachford'

1719 will of Daniel Blachford

I Daniel Blachford the Elder of Fordingbridge in the County of Southton, Gent., upon due consideration do make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following revoking and hereby annulling and making void all former and other Wills by me heretofore made (if any such shall happen to be found) viz,

Imprimis: I give devise and bequeath unto my Son Daniel Blachford all my Lands at Gorely in the parish of Fordingbridge in the County of Southton with the appurtenances thereunto belonging To hold the same to him my said Son Daniel his heirs and assignes forever immediately from and after my decease he paying to Christable my now Wife one hundred pounds within Six Months after my decease and also Tenn pounds per annum during her natural life out or forth thereof.

Item: I give devise and bequeath unto my Son Robert Blachford all that my Lands and Mannor at Durson or elsewhere in the County of Somersett with the Appurtenances To hold the same to him my said Son Robert Blachford his heirs and assignes for ever immediately from and after my decease he paying to my Executrix one hundred and fifty pounds of lawfull money to my Executrix hereinafter named within Six Months after my decease and also paying five pounds per annum to Christable my said Wife during her natural life out or forth thereof. And Whereas I have already given and secured to my Son Francis Blachford four hundred pounds my Will is that he shall pay to my said Wife Christable four pounds per annum during her natural life.

Item: I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Blachford Two hundred pounds in lawful mony to be paid unto her by my Executrix within six months after my decease.

Item: I give to my Daughter Christable Blachford two hundred pounds of like lawfull Money to be paid unto her by my Executrix within Six Months after my decease.

Item: I give to my Grand Son Daniel Blachford of my above said Son Daniel Blachford my Silver Tankard and Gold Seal Ring.

Item: I give to my Grandson John Blachford, Son of my said Son Daniel Blachford five pounds lawful money to be paid unto him by my Executrix when he shall come to the age of one and twenty years.

Item: I give to each of my Son Daniel's Daughters one broad piece of Gold to be paid unto them by my Executrix as they shall attain to the age of one and Twenty years and if either of them shall happen to dye before the said age of one and Twenty years then to remaine equally between the survivors.

Item: I give to my Grand Son Francis, Son of my Son Francis, five pounds lawfull money to be paid unto him by my Executrix when he shall come to the age of one and Twenty years and in case he shall should happen to dye then to remaine to the other Children of my said Son Francis (if any).

Item: I give to Christable my said Wife the said several annuities abovementioned to be paid unto her by my abovesaid Sons during her natural life.

Item: all the rest of my Goods and Chattels whatsoever already ungiven after my Debts Legacies and funeral Expenses are first paid and discharged, I give and bequeath to Christable my said Wife and do hereby make constitute and appoint her the said Christable full and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament

And I desire my loving Brother Mr Walter Barry, Mr John Garrett, and Mr Henry Rooke to be my friends in Trust to see this my last Will justly performed and I give to each of them one Guinea apiece for their pains.

In Testimony here of the said Daniel Blachford the Testator hath hereunto sett his hand and Seale the day and year first abovewritten.

Dan Blachford, Signed Sealed published and declared in the presence of (us) with these words between the third and fourth lines, viz – one hundred pounds within one month after my decease and also being first interlined – the mark of Nicholas Barry, John Gray, Jos Gray.

Probate: Probate was granted in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury before John Bettesworth to Christabella Blachford, widow of the deceased. Pro

Made December 1719

The Pleader's Assistant, containing a selection of precedents of modern pleadings in the courts of the King's Bench and Common Pleas etc, 18th century

Pinhorne and others v Ann Forster, Fordingbridge

Refers to Abraham Mynhorne and others of Fordingbridge, a churchwarden, and their legal suit against Ann, widow of Hugh, who has refused to pay a £100 debt back to the claimants via his will. The date of the will was 12/1/1723. It does not mention whether Abraham is junior or senior. The suit also refers to one Daniel Blackford (probably Blachford) 'since deceased' who was one of the creditors and was an 'overseer of the poor' at the time Hugh Forster entered into the debt, which must have therefore been before January 1720.

House of Lords Journal Volume 17 20/12/1704

URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=14819&strquery=blachford> Date accessed: 15 July 2012.

Sir T. Lawrence & al. versus Blachford & al.:

After hearing Counsel, upon the Petition and Appeal of Sir Thomas Lawrence Baronet and John Lawrence Esquire his Son, from an Order or Decree of the Court of Chancery, made the Six and Twentieth Day of February last, in a Cause there depending, wherein the Petitioners were Plaintiffs, and Robert Blachford, Daniel **Blachford**, Elizabeth Blachford, Jane Blachford, George Blachford, John Blachford, John Leigh, Thomas Urrey, William Taylor and Grace his Wife, Edmund Challoner, and Arthur Leake, were Defendants; and praying, "That that Part of the said Order or Decree, which appoints Fifteen Hundred Pounds, and Interest, to be paid out of the Two Thousand Pounds and Interest in the Petition mentioned, may be reversed:" As also upon the Answers of Robert Blachford, Daniel Blachford, Elizabeth Blachford, Jane Blachford, George Blachford, John Blachford, John Leigh, Thomas Urrey, Edmund Challoner, Arthur Leake, William Taylor and Grace his Wife, put in thereunto; and due Consideration of what was offered thereupon:

Judgement affirmed.

It is ORDERED and Adjudged, by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, That the said Petition and Appeal of Sir Thomas Lawrence and John Lawrence shall be, and is hereby, dismissed; and that the Order or Decree therein complained of shall be, and is hereby, affirmed.

House of Lords Journal Volume 17 8/10/1704

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Upon reading the Petition and Appeal of Sir Thomas Lawrence Baronet, and John Lawrence Esquire his Son, from an Order or Decree of the Court of Chancery, made the Six and Twentieth Day of February last, in a Cause there depending, wherein the Petitioners were Plaintiffs, and Robert Blachford, Daniel Blachford, Elizabeth Blachford, Jane Blachford, George Blachford, John Blachford, John Leigh, Thomas Urrey, William Taylor and Grace his Wife, Edmond Challoner, and Arthur Lake, were Defendants; and praying, "

That that Part of the said Order or Decree, which appoints One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds and Interest to be paid out of the Two Thousand Pounds and Interest in the Petition mentioned, may be so far reversed:"

It is ORDERED, by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, That the said Robert Blachford, Daniel **Blachford**, Elizabeth Blachford, Jane Blachford, George Blachford, John Blachford, John Leigh, Thomas Urrey, William Taylor and Grace his Wife, Edmond Challoner, and Arthur Lake, may have a Copy of the said Appeal; and shall and they are hereby required to put in their Answer or respective Answers thereunto, in Writing, on Thursday the Three and Twentieth Day of this Instant November, at Eleven a Clock in the Forenoon; and that, in order thereunto, the Service of this Order on the Respondents Clerk in Chancery shall be good Service.

1702 will of Henry Barry

see also above

... And all the rest of my goods which is not herein given, I do give and bequeath, to Mary, my wife; Christabelle the wife of Daniell Blackford the elder of Ffordingbridge, aforesaid; Walter Barry, of the city of New Sarum, Linnendraper; and Deborah, wife of Stephen James of Stoure, in the county of Dorset, yeoman, and chattels, which whom I do make, Executor and Executrixes of this my last will and testament."

Hampshire Records Office (4M63/41)

24 Nov 1701

Fine: 2 messuages, a cottage, watermill and lands in Tadnor, Alderholt, Cranborne and Fordingbridge

i) John Horsenell, clerk, and Daniel **Blatchford**, gent, plaintiffs

ii) William Barter the younger, and Anne his wife, defendants

Deeds of descent of Ashford Farm, Fordingbridge

List of owners/occupiers includes -

1695 (next owner 1697) - Daniel Blatchford, gent, Fordingbridge.

Hampshire Records Office

Finding number 13M60/16

Date 12/4/1689

Lease by Christian Hinxman of Andover, widower, to Daniel **Blatchford** of Fordingbridge, gent, of messuage and farm called Ashford in Fordingbridge with 60a arable, parcel of meadow in the common called Broadmeads, and 3 closes and parcel of arable (4a) in Fordingbridge held by lease from William Talke, gent To 30 Sep next and for 7 years thereafter and the 4a for the same or 2 lives paying for £26 for 6 months and after £52 p a and for the 4a 30/- and £3 p a.

Finding number 8M59/609

Date 2/4/1688

Lease (Robert Blachford-Gudridge) of tenement and land in Fordingbridge

On reverse states -

"... to Francis Blachford of Sandhill Farme in the parish of Fordingbridge, yeoman in consideration of ... £4 also in the ... Francis Blachford son of Daniel Blachford of Sherborne in the County of Dorset yeoman aged 20 years and Robert Blachford son of Robert Blachford of Midgham in the parish of Fordingbridge aged 7 years rent ... sealed and witnessed in the presence of Daniel Blachford and Jane Blachford.

Note - the above is a little confusing date wise as Daniel and Jane were brother and sister of Robert, Lord of the Manor of Sandhill in 1688 and when this lease was signed but Daniel's son Francis did not become 'of Sandhill Farm' until about 1710. This suggests that this note was written in later years and referred back to an agreement signed in 1688 possibly monies from Robert Blachford in recompense of holdings to heirs of his siblings.

In the baptisms of his children from 1679 to 1699 Daniel Blachford is described as 'Mr Daniel Blachford of the Parsonage'. This is probably Parsonage Farm to the north west of the town of Fordingbridge.

1686 Visitations of Hampshire

Daniel Blachford (son of Robert and Elizabeth) married ____ daughter of Francis Barry of Gorley in Fordingbridge.

Children of Daniel and Christabel Blachford at Fordingbridge - 1679 Daniel (bu 1681), 1681 Daniel (m 1708 Fordingbridge, Mary Pinhorne), 1684 Elizabeth (bu 1684), 1685 Francis (m 1717 Fordingbridge, Elizabeth Pinhorne), 1687 Robert, 1689 Waterton (bu 1690), 1691 Waterton, 1693 John, 1694 Elizabeth, 1699 Christabel

1678 marriage states Daniel Blatchford of Fordingbridge, gent, to Christabella Barry.

Hampshire marriage licences 1600-1640

27/3/1678

Danl Blatchford of Fordingbridge gent bach

Christabell Barry of Fordingbridge sp

1651 baptism of Daniel Blatchford at Ellingham notes he was the son of 'Robert, gent'.

Robert Blachford (1624 - 1670)

Robert's son Captain Robert Blachford sold Sandhill manor in 1702 -

Hampshire Records Office (8M59/610)

1702

Certified copy of sale of the manor of Sandhill and lands and tenements called Little Over Burgate by Robert Blachford to Thomas Warre

However by 1801 the family again appears to have had another connection to Sandhill, but this time through a lease -

(8M59/741)

Lease to Blachford of mansion house and farm called Sandhill and farm called Over Burgate

Hampshire marriage licences 1600-1640

29/3/1671

Eustace Man of Merston parish Arreton gent wid

Ann Blachford of Newport wid

1670 will of Robert Blachford

In the name of God Above, I, Robert Blachford, now of Newport in the Isle of Wight in the county of Southton, Gent, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following (that is to say)

Imprimis: I commend my soul into the hands of God my creator hoping to be saved through Jesus Christ my saviour and my body to the earth to be decently buried according to such of my quality.

Item: I gave and bequeath unto my dear wife Anne one broad piece of gold.

Item: I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth [Mullens], the daughter of my said wife Anne another piece of gold.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth [1647-1676], tho' now wife of Stephen Marsh, another of my broad pieces of gold

Item: I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth, the daughter of my son in law Stephen Marsh, one broad piece of gold.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Daniel [1651-1720] and his heirs forever, all that parcel of land known by the name of the manor of Crosse Scittault (?) having and being in the parish of Durston in the county of Somersett with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my said son Daniel and his heirs forever all that parcel of land called or known by the name of Heathley now in the tenure or occupancy of William Miller and William Oates, their assignor or assignee together with all and singular thappurtenance.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Ellenor, the sum of two hundred pounds of good and lawful money of England to be paid immediately after my decease by my son Robert [1650-1705] provided always that if the said Robert has not the money in his hands immediately after my decease then to pay interest therefore unto my said daughter Ellenor until such time that he shall have moneys in his hands to pay her the whole two hundred pounds.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Mary the sum of two hundred pounds to be paid unto her when she shall come to the age of one and twenty years or six months after her marriage to be paid also by my said son Robert and also to pay interest unto my said daughter Mary until the said sum of two hundred pounds shall grow due and payable.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane the sum of two hundred pounds also to be paid unto her by my said son Robert to be paid also when she shall attain to the age of one and twenty years or six months after her marriage.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah the sum of two hundred pounds to be paid also by my said son Robert when she shall attain to the age of one and twenty years or six months after marriage with interest therefore until the money shall grow due and payable.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Hannah the sum of two hundred pounds to be paid also by my said son Robert when she shall attain or reach to the age of one and twenty years or six months after her marriage with interest therefore until she shall reach the age of one and twenty years or until six months after her marriage.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha the sum of two hundred pounds to be paid by my said son Robert when she shall attain or reach to the age of one and twenty years or six months after her marriage with interest therefore until the money shall grow due and payable.

Item: My will is that in case it shall happen that either of my daughters should decease or depart from this natural life before they shall favourably attain unto the age of one and twenty years, that then my will is that one hundred pounds of each daughter for dying be equally divided amongst the rest of my daughters and the other hundred pounds shall go back and again unto my said son Robert.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Hannah above what I gave her before the sum of twenty pounds to be paid by my said son Daniel when she shall reach to the age of one and twenty years or six months after her marriage.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Ellinor the sum of ten pounds also above what I have given her before to be paid by my said son Daniel when she shall reach to the age of one and twenty years or six months after her marriage.

Item: I give and bequeath unto the poor of Newport the sum of forty shillings to be paid by my said son Robert.

Item: I give and bequeath unto the poor of the parish of Fordingbridge the sum of forty shillings to be paid also by my said son Robert immediately after my decease.

Item: I make William Talke of Sandhill Heath in the county aforesaid, Gent, and William Rooke of Fordingbridge in the county aforesaid, Gent, them I do devise and grant unto them the said William Talke and William Rooke and to their executors and administrators and assignee all that my manor of Sandhill with all the lands tenanted with the appurtenance thereunto belonging, for the course of forty years next after my decease provided nevertheless that it is my said son Robert or his heirs or executors shall pay and discharge all and singular the legacies aforesaid wherein he is concerned as aforesaid. And also do and shall pay and discharge all such costs and charges as any person shall be at in or about my funeral not exceeding three score pounds that from the said deceased to my said executors shall cease, discontinue, and from thenceforth shall be utterly void. In witness whereof I have unto this my will contained in two sheets of paper set my hand and seal over the fifth day of October one thousand six hundred and seventy.

Signed, sealed and published by the within named Robert Blachford as his last will and Testament. John Bal

1663 burial says 'Elizabeth wife of Mr Robert Blachford of Sandhill House'.

Ancestry.co.uk - Oxford University Alumni 1500-1886

Blachford Robert s R of Newport Isle of Wight, gent, Exeter College, matric, 26/11/1669 aged 18 (See * below)

Hampshire Records Office (24M82/PO16/30&31)

1651, Fordingbridge - apprenticeship indenture of Alice (12) daughter of Charles Chater to Robert Blachford

24M82/PO16/24

1647 - Apprenticeship indenture: Arnold Huntley (12) to Robert Blatchford

1646 Indenture - Hampshire Records Office

This indenture tripartite made the nineteenth day of March in the two and twentieth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles by grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland Kinge defender of the faythe or And in the yeare of our Lord God according to the computation of the Church of England one thousand sixe hundred fortie sixe Betweene Robert Waterton of Newport in the Isle of Wight and countie of Southton gent and Ellinor Cesar of Newport aforesaide widow daughter heiresse of the aforesaid Robert Waterton of the first parte, Robert Blachford of Newport aforesaid gent grandsonne to the said Robert Waterton and sonne and heire to the said Ellinor Cesar of the second parte (rest see under Robert **Waterton**)

Manor of Durston, Somerset

From: 'Durston: Manors', A History of the County of Somerset: Volume 6: Andersfield, Cannington, and North Petherton Hundreds (Bridgwater and neighbouring parishes) (1992),

pp. 259-262. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=18669&strquery=waterton> Date accessed: 26 July 2012.

In 1613 James Arnwood and his wife, Richard Bartholomew and Thomas Knollys, possibly acting as trustees, granted the manor to Robert **Waterton**. Waterton settled Crosse on his grandson Robert Blatchford in 1647, and Robert Blatchford, perhaps his son, still owned it in 1722. It passed from the Blatchfords to Elizabeth Hascoll ... (see also **Moleyns**)

Blachford family history by Jack AG Blachford

During the Civil War, those who supported King Charles I's cause, had their estates compounded or had to pay fines to the government. Unlike his grandfather, Richard of Dorchester, Robert was a Royalist and appeared before the commissioners for sequestration and sale of the estates of the Royalist nobility and gentry. He appeared on the second count for those Royalists permitted to compound on payment of a fine. At the hearing Robert was described as a gentleman of Over Burgate in the county of Southampton. He appeared before the commissioners on the 13th of May, 1651, and made reference to three properties. He referred to a conveyance made to him about four years previously upon his marriage, of a farm called Over Burgate in the parish of Fordingbridge in the county of Southampton. The farm was settled on him for life; remainder to his wife for life; remainder to their heirs to be begotten; remainder to his brother Richard Blachford and his heirs and assigns forever. The estate was worth about seventy pounds per year according to the compounder, Robert Blachford. Robert wished to compound for the moiety of the manor at Sandhill at Fordingbridge, and to certain old rents in the parish of Durston in Somerset belonging to the manor of cross; and likewise to a house in Salisbury in the occupation of Francis Swanson esquire, which premises he claims on equitable interest..... Robert appeared again on the 12th of August in the same year, stating that the Salisbury house was now valued at six pounds per year, and the farm at Fordingbridge was worth eighty pounds a year....

British History online

From: 'Cases before the Committee: May 1651', Calendar, Committee for Compounding: Part 4 (1892), pp. 2783-2820.

URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=59767&strquery=sandhill> Date accessed: 01 July 2013.

Robert Blachford or Blashford, Over Burgate, Hants.

13th May 1651

Being ordered on 21 March by the Committee for Advance of Money [see Calendar, p. 985] to show cause within a month why he should not be sequestered, had no notice till 24 April last. Begs now to compound, though he could show good cause against the sequestration.

16th Sept 1651

Fine 210/

8th Oct

Begs to compound for a saving of ½ of Sandhill Manor, and old rents belonging to the manor of Cross, Somerset, now worth 2l. 10s. a year, but after three lives they will be worth 7l. 10s. more; also for a house in Salisbury, worth 6l. a year. Adds 10l. a year to the value of a farm in Fordingbridge, valued in his former particular at 70l. a year.

21st Oct

Additional fine 58l. With a saving for Sandhill till Candlemas term.

British History online

From: 'Cases brought before the committee: November 1648', Calendar, Committee for the Advance of Money: Part 2: 1645-50 (1888), pp. 968-990.

URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=59354&strquery=blashford> Date accessed: 01 July 2013.

Rob. Blashford, Fordingbridge, Hants

30th Nov 1648

Information that he is a delinquent, and was in arms at Oxford

8th Feb 1649

His estate to be sequestered and secured

13th March 1649

Respited till the county commissioners certify his delinquency, and his behaviour amongst them since.

23rd May 1649

His goods to be sequestered and sold, and the proceeds paid to this committee's treasurer.

21st March 1651

This order not being performed, the county commissioners are to secure his estate, and he to show cause why his rents should not be sequestered to the use of the State

British History online

I also have reason to believe that 'Blashford' in these references is Robert Blachford of Fordingbridge because Jasper Cornelius case was heard by the Committee on exactly the same day as Robert Blashford's.

From: 'Cases brought before the committee: April 1648', Calendar, Committee for the Advance of Money: Part 2: 1645-50 (1888), pp. 874-880.

URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=59347&strquery=blashford> Date accessed: 01 July 2013.

Welsh Drovers

Order that Hum. Davies, and the rest of the Welsh Drovers, bring in their discoveries of Papists' and delinquents' estates, out of the proceeds of which they are to be paid

1,153l., balance of 2,653l. due to them on an Order in the House of Commons of 3 March last, and the county commissioners are to examine witnesses in proof of their

discoveries, and secure the estates of those who appear to be delinquents.

25th April 1648

12 June 1649. Order to pay to Hum. Davies, for the Welsh Drovers, such money as comes in from Rob. Blashford and Jasper Cornelius, according to an Order in Parliament of

14 March 1648.

13 July 1653. The Drovers petition that owing to Warner's nonappearance, they could not obtain a day for hearing, though they and their families' fortunes depend upon it, and

beg a judgment; and an order to Warner to state his receipts from Rob. Blashford and Jasper Cornelius. Also that Lane's depositions, grounded on an order of June 12, 1644, may be of force.

9 Dec. 1653. Order that the Drovers and Warner account with the auditor for their receipts; that Warner state what he is out of pocket—principal, interest, and charges, and if the discoveries of Blashford and Cornelius were made by Warner on the Ordinance of Parliament for the Drovers, he is to be satisfied out of the discoveries, and the remainder paid to the Drovers.

17 March 1654. Warner petitions that he bought the Ordinance of Parliament from the Drovers for a large sum, and has prosecuted the discoveries at great charge; that Blashford paid in 72l. for his personal estate, and 268l. on his composition, but the Drovers have unjustly had petitioner imprisoned, and put him to great expense, he being 330l. out of purse, as appears by the auditor's report. Begs payment of the 268l., and will then deliver the Drovers their papers, and will allow them any small sums that may be desired.

Children of Robert and Elizabeth Blachford at Fordingbridge - 1648 Elizabeth (to Mr Robert of Burgate) (m Stephen Marsh), 1650 Robert (m Elizabeth Mann)*, 1651 Daniel (at Ellingham) (m Christabella Barry), ? Ellenor (m Humphrey Richards), ? Anne, ? Mary, ? Jane, ? Sarah, 1657 Hannah (m Arthur Gould), ? Martha (m James Young), ? Sarah (m Thomas Drake).

* became Captain Robert Blachford and later a Major General. His son John became Mayor of London in 1751.

1686 Visitations of Hampshire

Robert Blachford (son of Richard Blachford and Elianor Waterton) of Sandhill married Elizabeth, daughter of ... Wright of the City of Winchester

Robert Blachford of 1624 was Lord of the Manor of Durston in Taunton in Somerset also lived at Sandhill in Fordingbridge. He inherited both from his grandfather Robert Waterton who in turn received the Manors from his marriage to Jayne Moleyns. Robert also received the lands at Over Burgate, Fordingbridge.

Richard Blachford (1601 - 1635)

1686 Visitations of Hampshire

Richard Blachford 'of Dorchester' married Elianor Waterton (daughter and heir of Robert Waterton and Jayne Molyms)

1635 burial record at St Mary Woolnoth, London

November 1635

The tenth of this month was buried Richard Blachford merchant sturminger (?) in the closter [cloister]

1633 - Richard attested to the Blachford pedigree in the Harleian Visitations of London.

Richard of 1601 was a merchant in London in 1633 and also lived in Dorchester. His 1623 marriage to Eleanor Waterton at Fordingbridge confirms he was then of Dorchester.

Children of Richard and Eleanor Blachford - 1624 Robert (m Elizabeth Wright), 1627 Richard (m Margaret Topp), ? Frances, 1636 Elinor.

Municipal Records of Dorchester - Mayo, 1908

P424 - 2/3/1624 list of the Admission of Freemen of the Company of Freemen of the Borough - Richard Blachford, jnr, merchant, £2

Hampshire: - Marriage Licences, 1607-1640 (Marriage) c/o Ancestry.co.uk

Rich Blechford of Dorchester & Elinor Waterton of Newport sp, at Fordingbridge, 16 Aug 1623.

See also references below to 'young Richard Blachford'.

Richard Blachford (bf 1580 - 1652)

Richard Blachford from Jack A.G. Blachford in 'Blachford - a family history

Richard was the son of William Blachford of Holway in the Parish of White Staughton and was born in approximately 1570.

Spent his early years in the employ of a Gilbert Smyth, a merchant in the town of Exeter who imported and exported goods through the port of Weymouth.

Married Frances, the daughter of John **Combe** of Ashmore.

Started his own business in Dorchester c 1593. Went into partnership with John Finn and son importing and exporting wool and other goods through many ports between Bristol and London.

Became a town Councillor, Alderman, member of the company of Freemen and Bailiffe of Dorchester.

20th September, 1606.....Mathew Chubb and Richard Blachford, Bailiffes, leased a plot of Ground (land) to Thomas Bushrode, haberdasher, at a rent of 4 shillings per year.

In the 1623 Harleian Visitation of Dorset (dated 9th August) Richard was listed as a Burgess of the Town of Dorchester with John Blachford his son.

His son was granted of coat of arms and in London in 1633/4 an official pedigree.

In 1629 in choosing the Mayor of Dorchester Richard and his son John were amongst the first fifteen Capital Burgesses and Richard was one of the first six Aldermen.

November 1630 Richard mentioned in transaction in purchasing of the rectory of Beer and Seaton in Devon and puritan Rector John White was also a key mover.

1642 Dorchester was fortified by Parliament. However was easily captured by Royalists in 1643 by Lord Carnavon.

July 1644 recaptured for Parliament by Colonel Sydenham.

March 1645 Oliver Cromwell was present in Dorchester.

November 1646 'Captain Richard Blachford' mentioned in Parliamentary Dorset Standing Committee minutes in a transaction for cloth in 1644 for which the Committee meets the costs. *

December 1646 mentioned reference purchase of cloth for clothing Captain Richard Blachford's soldiers at the appointment of the Committee in February 1644. This suggests that Richard was not in Dorchester whilst it was occupied by the Royalists between mid-1643 and July 1644.

March 1647 payment to John Covett for two horses employed in Parliamentary service under hands of Captains Edward Masters and Richard Blachford.

1647 - Richard was elected Mayor of Dorchester.

Richard died in 1652 aged 82.

"Minute Books of the Parliamentary Standing Committee 23 Sep 1646 to 8 May 1650" Mayo 1902

(Fol.63. 17th November, 1646, Dorchester) "Thomas Hayter.....where as it appeareth that Captain Richard Blachford did for two years since take up thirty yards of Broad cloth of one Thomas Hayter a clothier by order of the committee, It is ordered that the treasurer of this county pay unto said Thomas Hayter the sum of six pounds for the thirty yards of cloth aforesaid."

(Fol. 103. 29th December, 1646, Dorchester) "William Edmonds.....It is ordered that you pay unto William Edmonds of Woolbridge, clothier, the sum of seven pounds for forty (sic.) yards of broad cloth which the said Edmonds delivered to Captain Richard Blachford at the appointment of the committee of this county, for the clothing of his soldiers in February 1644."

(To the treasurer Mr. Richard Burie) (Fol. 38. 13th March, 1647, Dorchester) "John Covett.....It is ordered that the treasurer pay unto John Covett the sum of twenty pounds as soon as he is able, being for one grey mare, and one horse with saddle and armes employed in the parliamentary service, as by several certificates under the hands of captain Edward Masters and Captain Richard Blachford appeareth, and in the mean time the public faith of the Kingdom is for security unto the said John Covett engaged for the payment of the said sum of twentie pounds."

House of Commons Journal Volume 4: 7 April 1645', Journal of the House of Commons: volume 4: 1644-1646 (1802), pp. 101-103

"Ordered , That it be referred to the Committee of the West, to consider of Recruiting and Disposing of Captain Blachford 's Troop."

Note - 'troop' refers to a unit of cavalry of between 30 and 100 men. These were usually formed into regiments of six troops under the command of a colonel (see below reference to five captains, including Blachford, being sent to pursue the King's forces.

Calendar of State Papers Domestic: Charles I, 1644-5

Vol 507 10th April 1645 from Derby House

From: pp. 379-445. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=53922> Date accessed: 26 July 2012.

The Committee of both kingdoms to the Commissioners of Excise. We are informed by Capt. Vernon that he cannot obtain the 2,000l. appointed for payment of Essex's two regiments of horse which lately mutinied, and are now to be reduced. Let the money be forthwith paid, being for a service of so great importance. The King's forces are already in the field. These horse lie useless to the service, and do very much burden and spoil the country. We have sent to Sir Thos. Fairfax to send a commissary and Commissioners to St. Alban's to muster them who are there this day. We have promised them that they shall have their pay there for those horse upon their muster, which, if it should fail, may be of extreme ill consequence. We therefore desire you that it may be forthwith paid to Capt. Vernon, [so] that it may be there this day without fail. Sent by Capt. Vernon.

[Interregnum 20 E., p. 101. Copy. 2/3 p.]

This is following by orders to a number of the area committees of Parliament including -

The same to Sir Wm. Waller. The better to prevent the King's forces recruiting in cos. Gloucester and Hereford where the Princes now are, we have appointed to send some horse to Col. Massie from the garrisons of Newport [Pagnell], Aylesbury, Northampton, and Warwick. We desire you to make up a regiment of 600 horse out of such forces as do not belong to the new [modelled] army, and send it under Col. Cooke to the assistance of Col. Massie, whom we have conceived to be the fittest [commander] for that service, in regard he is a gentleman of that country. We intend sending you as a supply from these parts Captains Middleton, **Blachford**, Swallow, Saville, and Draper. We desire you to keep as near the King's forces as you can for the better preservation of those parts. Sent by Mr. Crips the next day. [Ibid., p. 104. Copy. 1 p.]

12th April 1645

The Committee of both kingdoms to **Captain Blachford**. We appointed your troop, together with the 4 troops of Capts. Middleton, Saville, Swallow, and Draper, to march to Sir Wm. Waller to be employed with the regiments to which they severally belong. You are to march thither with all speed. We have desired the Committee of Surrey to take care for the effectual execution of these our orders. Sent by Mr. Durand.

and

The same to Sir Thos. Fairfax. We are informed that there are two broken troops in Surrey, Capt. Stevens' and Capt. Bruce's, both unarmed. We desire you to send for them and employ the troopers for recruits, and send the officers hither to have their accounts audited that some provision may be made for them. There are besides these five other troops, viz., those of Captains Middleton, **Blachford**, Swallow, Saville, and Draper, which belong to the regiments with Sir W. Waller, whom we have appointed to march hither

to be joined with their regiments, and disposed of together with them. Sent by Mr. Durand. [Ibid., pp. 108, 109. Copy = 2/3 p.]

Merchant

Source: Pages 44 & 45 Extract from Studies in a Dorset History by Maureen Weinstock M.A., F.R.Hist.S. Published by Longmans (Dorchester) Ltd 1953

CUSTOMS WEYMOUTH: Over this short period import duties and Petty Customs were paid at the Port of Weymouth by the following known Dorchester merchants Goods were on various ships including:-

The 'James' on 11th January 1633; Import duties:- J. Rives mainly canvas, F [Francis] Dashwood, R [Richard] Blackford [Blachford]; Petty Customs:- J [James] Gould

The 'Francis' on 17th January 1633; Import duties:- J Rives, F [Francis] Dashwood, J [John] Blackford [Blachford] ; Petty Customs:- R [Richard] Blackford [Blachford]

The 'Rotterdam' 19th January 1633; Import duties:- J [John] Blackford [Blachford] canvas ; J. Rives,

The 'Swallow' 4th February 1633 Import duties:- R [Richard] Blackford [Blachford] feathers and thread;

The 'Sarath' 19th February 1633; Import duties:- R [Richard] Blackford [Blachford] canvas and cloth; James Gould; F [Francis] Dashwood; J. Rives; John Gould; Petty Customs:- G Bales

The 'Pelican' 19th February 1633; Import duties:- R [Richard] Blackford [Blachford] canvas and oil

The 'Ann' 19th February 1633; Import duties:- R [Richard] Blackford [Blachford] oil

Children of Richard and Frances Blachford -

c 1598 John (m Mary Renauld)*, William**, 1601 Henry (m 1629 Mary Bird of Chichester)***, Thomas (m 1627 Margaret Meech of Dorchester)****, Margery (m John Hogard of Lyme), 1601 Richard (m c 1623 Eleanor Waterton of Isle of Wight), Frances (m John Howard of Lyme), Edith (m 1630 Richard Chuchill of Dorchester),

* John became a merchant in Dorchester, see other references. After return from France after fleeing in 1633 due to facing a warrant from the Exchequer for not paying customs, he (according to a plaque in Ireland) married a woman from a Devon family and was buried at St Orvins in Dublin despite wishing to be buried back in Dorchester. He had sons John, Thomas, Ambrose and William (who became a Major) and daughters Mary and Frances.

SHIPOWNERS: A Survey of the number, strength, age and tonnage of all shipping with the names of the owners and part owners was carried out during the reign of Charles I in 1628. The survey of ships that belonged to Weymouth was started on the 11th March 1628 and included ships owned by the Blachford Family:-

At Sea:-

The 'Hopewell' 30 tons, 4 guns, 20 years old owners - John Blachford [Blachford] & William Collins.

The 'Hopewell' (different ship) 40 tons 4 guns 10 years old owners John, James, & John Blachford

The 'Content' 50 tons 6 guns 8 years old owners John Blackforde [Blachford] & Capt Pettifitz

At Home:-

The 'Great Katherine' 80 tons 8 guns 20 years old owners Robert White & John Blackford [Blachford]

Source: Pages 31 & 32 Extract from 'Studies in Dorset History' by Maureen Weinstock M.A., F.R.Hist.S. Published by Longmans (Dorchester) Ltd 1953

** William lived in Caen in Normandy and is believed to have died in 1639. He probably had a son called William who was naturalised back to England in April 1641.

*** Henry became a merchant in Chichester in Sussex, he married a Mary BIRD [BYRD] of Chichester at St Lawrence Church Southron the date is recorded in the Hampshire Marriage Licences records as being 30th October 1629.. He died in 1647 leaving a will in which he refers to his mother 'Frances Blachford' £10 per annum. He had a daughter Marie and sons Richard and William. Note - this Richard Blachford junior was too young to have been 'Captain' Blachford referred to above.

**** Thomas is believed to have died in Rouen in Normandy in about 1644, where he'd lived after fleeing the King's Commissioners in 1632.

References to the Blachfords in 'Fire from Heaven' by David Underwood

1) P28 - reference to libels against new rector of Dorchester John White and Richard Blachford chatting with fellow bailiff Matthew Chubb on Blachford's porch when a Thomas Foy found the libel and took it to them to investigate.

2) P30 - another libel is found and presented to Matthew Chubb who "... happens to be sitting on Blachford's porch". An allusion to Chubb being aware of the libels.

3) P31 - Christmas 1613 - visiting preacher William Jones gave an anti-Calvinist sermon and dedicated it to "Chubb, his friends Richard and Thomas Blachford and other gentlemen of Dorset." Suggesting that Blachford and friend Chubb were against the 'puritan' views of John White and others.

4) P36 - Matthew Chubb and Richard Blachford had sole control of the collection and distribution of relief funds after the fire of Dorchester 1613.

5) P36/7 - "... but the choice of Blachford as Chubb's fellow trustee does not inspire confidence, for he was one of a family notorious for greed and double dealing".

6) P43 - In 1623 only three of Chubb's old allies were left as burgesses and 'old' Richard Blachford was one "... though he did manage to have his son John elected ...".

"The Blachfords were the only exceptions to what was otherwise a puritan monopoly".

7) P45 - Exchequer suit about the evasion of customs duties at Weymouth - John Blachford fined £2000 and fled to France. Expelled from the Corporation in 1639.

8) P45/6 - "The Blachfords were famous for their greed. A few years later a poor man named John Chimney began abusing one of John Blachford's sons ... 'thy father hath

and now dares not to show his face but keeps like a dog." He accused Richard Blachford as having 'cozened men' and "like an old crippled knave ... stayed indoors because he could not face his neighbours." "Richard had been absenting himself from the Corporation meeting for over a year, and he continued to do so until warned that he would be expelled if he did not attend. He assumed his place, but for much of the 1630's the Blachfords, the only members of the 'fifteen' who were not enthusiastic reformers ... were virtually without influence in the corporation".

9) P66 - potential scandal as young Richard Blachford, grandson of the corporation member, purchased a drink for a married woman at a public house, went upstairs and spent half-an-hour together. She protested that she 'did no harm with him there'.

10) P87 - a poor woman blames John Blachford for sending the best food and produce overseas as trade.

11) P109 - 'miserly' John Blachford gave £100 towards an improved ministry in 1630.

12) P116 - 1640 Richard Blachford paying one shilling a week in poor rates (one of the highest in the town).

13) Blachfords involved in colonial trade, particularly North America.

14) P183 - King Charles' new taxes, all but three local people were exempted on the grounds of poverty - Whiteway, Parkins and Richard Blachford.

15) P215 - Reference to the pre-civil war generation having passed away by the early 1650's including 'old' Richard Blachford.

Viewpoint

Underdown paints a very harsh portrait of the Blachfords of Dorchester. Whilst I have little evidence to the contrary, Underwood does not appear to completely reference some of the comments about them being 'greedy or double dealing'. Whilst I am sure they were ambitious, being merchants of the time, there are only the anecdotal comments of a poor man' and the tax evasion of John to justify it. The comments could alternatively be put down to jealousy on the part of the 'poor man' and whilst John did flee to France and may well have evaded tax, at a time which King Charles I was taxing the merchant class particularly heavily, I cannot see how David Underdown's comments about the Blachford family are fair or balanced on evidence. He notes that they were part of only 3 of 15 'non-reformers' on the Town's Corporation in 1630. But whilst they may not have shared the puritan zeal it appears that they did still hang on in the Corporation during the 1630s and 1640's and they could not have done this without some support and respect in the town. It appears that the family sided with Parliament in the civil war as did the town as many of the merchant class of England at that time. It may well have been self interest and bitterness towards the harsher measures against trade during Charles' time that probably made them take this stance. But they did still take a courageous stand at a very difficult time. The fact that Richard Blachford the elder became Mayor of Dorchester in 1647, a fact Underdown omits to mention, also shows the high status he held in the town despite apparently having differences with many other leading people at the time such as the Rector John White. I am not of course trying to justify or excuse all of the actions of my ancestors, the Blachfords, because evidently they could be mean (see 1626 court case below), I am not sure that they merit the particularly harsh attention they receive in this otherwise excellent work of Underdown's in the context. Of course I stand to be disproved.

Dorchester - References located to Dorchester People in Books, Diaries, Historical Documents, etc (1575-1686)

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1615 - *The casebook of Sir Francis Ashley JP Recorder of Dorchester 1614-1635* - Thomas Blachford, brewer of Dorchester

Note - Thomas was Richard's son and married Margaret Meech in 1627, moving to Rouen in France where he died in about 1644.

1619 (as above) - Roger Heydon of Fordington, churirgion, in £10 Richard Blatchford of Dorchester, in £20 Bound over to the next Assizes 'for severall misdemeanors done by his tipling'.

10/7/1625 - *William Whiteway of Dorchester His Diary 1618-1635 Page 73* - PIRACY: This day being Sunday, Francis Sandars was taken by French Pirats laden with kerses, of which they took some, and let the rest goe. The Losses were. To Mr John PARKINS about £700; To Mr BLACHFORD about £350; To Mr WHITEWAY about £150; To Mr WALTHAM about £400. making a total of £1,600.

23/9/1629 - *William Whiteway of Dorchester His Diary 1618-1635 Page 107/108* - This Day Mr. John HILL, Mr William DERBY and Mr John BLACHFORD rode to London in the behalfe of the Towne, to procure from my Lord of Suffolke, or from the Counsell, liberty to muster our men in the towne and to have a Captaine of our owne. The Earle of Suffolk referred it to his Lieutenants Deputys: and they shewed so much coldness and unwillingness in it, especially Sir Thomas FREKE, that it came to nothing.

25/2/1633 - *William Whiteway of Dorchester His Diary 1618-1635 Page 128* - There was a warrant granted out for apprehending of Mr John BLACHFORD and Mr Thomas WALTHAM, for refusing to answer to the information made in the Exchequer against them for stealing custom [i.e. not paying custom duty on imported goods] and counterfeiting of Cocketts which were discovered by Walter GOULD who had been their chief agent therein. Whereupon they absented themselves.

2/9/1633 - *William Whiteway of Dorchester His Diary 1618-1635 Page 133/4* - Mr GARDENER and Mr BLACHFORD had a commission at Waimouth about the Custome causes. Mr BLACHFORD's commissioners were Mr LAWRENCE of Wraxall and Parson SIMONS of Melbury. Mr GARDENER's were Robert SMART and Mr WOOLFREYS of Hampton. Mr GARDENER seing he could not prove things as he desired, snatch up the commission and put it in his pocket, which Mr BLACHFORD certified into the exchequer.

16/12/1633 - *William Whiteway of Dorchester His Diary 1618-1635 Page 136* - There was a commission held here at the Shirehall about stealing of customs. Mr LAWRENCE of Wraxall, and John COLE were for Mr BLACHFORD, and Mr Robert SMART, for Mr GARDNER. It lasted a monthe.

30/12/1633 - *William Whiteway of Dorchester His Diary 1618-1635 Page 136/7* - The 30th of this month the 'Mary of Morlaix' laden with 120 fardles of derbys (i.e. bundles of

cloth) for Dorchester, Weymouth and Southampton was cast away upon Portland beach and all the goods. The men forsook the narke when they might have saved her. The greatest loss fell upon Mr John BLACHFORD , Mr James GOULD and Mr Thomas WALTHAM.

18/3/1634 - *William Whiteway of Dorchester His Diary 1618-1635 Page* - After many thousands spent in law, Mr BLACHFORD and Mr GARDENER referred their differences upon account unto Mr John LAWRENCE and Mr Henry CUTTANCE who sate on it this day, but could not agree, so the business was referred unto Sir John STANGWAYS to be umpier who took time to deliberate on it until 1st August.

11/4/1634 - *William Whiteway of Dorchester His Diary 1618-1635 Page 143* - The 11th of this month Mr Thomas BLACHFORD being come into England about busyness was like to be betrayed into the hands of a pursivant by Mr John GARDNER who had a quarrel at him for beating him at bolayes. But he escaped him and lodged the night at Mr KNAPTON's whose back house was burnt the same night by the negligence of a servant who let a snuffe fall among the turnves. William BURT tailor was so affrighted with this fire that he died within 10 days after.

30/7/1634 - *William Whiteway of Dorchester His Diary 1618-1635 Page 148* - Sir John STANGWAYS after many delays and much intreaty made an arbitration between Mr BLACHFORD and Mr GARDNER wherein he gave Mr BLACHFORD the value of £250 from Mr GARDNER who demanded of Mr BLACHFORD £1,100. The next day he made a declaration wherein he showed that he had committed an error of £100 upon his arbitration.

Hutchins Dorset

Lists of Mayors of Dorchester - 1630 and 1646 Richard Blachford

Municipal Records of Dorchester - Mayo, 1908

P41 - 26/6/1610 "There shall be two bailiffs chosen from the burgesses of whom Henry Whittel and Richard Blachford, jnr, shall be the first, to continue in office until the Monday after Michaelmas next ensuing ... The first Capital Burgesses and Councillors are to be ... Richard Blachford aforesaide ..."

2/3/1624 list of the Admission of Freemen of the Company of Freemen of the Borough - Henrie Mynterne, clothier, app. to Mr. Rd. Blachford, g. and John Cooth, merchant, app. to said Mr. Blachford., g.

P57 - 22/9/1629 - Richard Blachford listed amongst Capital Burgesses and Bailiffs

P86 - 26/9/1629 - Mr John and Mr Richard Blachford listed amongst those contributing to the cost of the Charter

P89 - 19/9/1629 - "the first xxli was paid for Mr Blachford's yeare ..."

P395 - 6/10/1629 at Tounhall, Mr Richard Blachford listed amongst the Freemen of the Borough.

P396 - 22/10/1629 - Richard Blachford listed amongst the assistants to the Governor assembled in the Town Hall of the Borough.

P444 - corrects Hutchins and gives a dated of 6/10/1647 when Richard Blachford was sworn in as Mayor of Dorchester.

P454 - January 1611 'deed of resignation of George Trenchard as Recorder of the Borough' amongst signatories 'Richard Blachford, Justice'.

P539 - 1/12/1630 - Richard Blachford 'maior' listed on account of monies to the poor from losses due to the fire.

P599 - 1/3/1633 - Richard Blachford on list of signatories from the Borough to minister Thomas Hill of Cambridge.

P600 - 17/7/1633 - Richard Blachford on a list of signatories from the Borough to minster Stephen Webb asking him to take residence and assist Mr John White.

P624 - 24/11/1630 - 'Seaton and Beer Parsonage' "documents related to the transfer included a lease for 21 years from William Fry to Richard Blachford, merchant and two others Oct 1631.

P628 - 12/2/1647 letter to Walter Young of Culliton from the Corporation of Dorchester concerning possible sale of parsonage of Seaton and Beere - signed by Richard Blachford, Mayor

P699 - lessees of town burgages - "20/9 12th (1615) James Rd Oldish of Dorchester Shoemaker Elizbeth his wife and Edith Blachford da of Rd Blachford of Dorchester merchant

P706 - amongst 1610 list of defaulters at Assizes - Richard Blechford

P716 - 16/8/1652 election of capital burgesses Thomas Symonds, grocer, v Richard Blachford dec'd

The Diary of William Whiteway of Dorchester

Richard Blachford - clothier, Burgess in Dorchester 1610, Baliff 1621-22 and 1627-28, assistant to governing body of freeman 1629-30, Mayor 1630 and 1647.

Dorset Quarter Sessions

1626 - Richard Blachford named with three other clothiers of Dorchester in an order concerning relief for petitioners John Gardner and Roger Downe who had been working for the clothiers in London and had been robbed on their return. Four clothiers were named as responsible for damages and expense for the petitioners suffered in their employment.

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p 10 - William Blachford, merchant clothier of Dorchester, dominates the 1625 Weymouth shipping records. With his son [Richard] he had a share in more than 3/4 of the cargoes leaving Weymouth that year.

p 59 - the Blachfords imported fish from Newfoundland.

Whetstone Almhouse Charity, Dorchester All Saints, Dorchester

10th June 1624 Parties: bailiffs and burgesses of Dorchester Borough - Blachford

Dorset Tudor Subsidy Rolls

1594 - Dorchester

Richard Blatchford - goods taxed £3

William Blachford (1545 - aft 1625)

William Blachford of 1545 was 'of Holway in the parish of White Staughton' on the birth of his son Richard (according to the [*Family Forest website*](#)). See also reference below to shipping business at Weymouth in 1625.

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14/11/1621 list of the Admission of Freemen of the Company of Freemen of the Borough - William Blachford, merchant, £2

Children of John and Margaret Blachford at Dorchester - 1611 Elizabeth, 1614 John (bur 1614), 1615 Frances (bur 1615), 1616 Dorothy, 1618 John, 1621 Margaret, 1625 Margaret, 1629 Sarah.

1610 John Blachforde (probably William's son) married Margaret Membree at Dorchester Holy Trinity, he died in 1632 and was buried in Holy Trinity, Dorchester.

Blachford - a family history by Jack A.G. Blachford

"... In 1525 we found a William Blachford of Winterbourne, two John Blachfords - father and son ... We also discovered a William and Richard Blachford both of Bridport in 1545. these two may have been brothers ... William may well have been the father of Richard Blachford of Dorchester."

John Blachford (c1522 - ?)

Devon and Cornwall: - Wills and Administrations proved in the Bishop of Exeter, 1559-1799

Blachford, John, Exeter A. 1574

Children of John and Joan Blachford - ? William (m bf 1570 Martha), ? Henry (m 1571 Holsworthy, Devon Johan Braunch), ? John (m 1584 Holsworthy, Devon Honour Priest)

* St Mary Arches in Devon is a Norman Church which (from Exeter Memories website) 'during the 14th to 16th centuries ... was used as a centre of worship by many merchants and Mayors of Exeter. Given the subsequent occupations of the Blachfords of Dorset and Hampshire the fact that John Blachford married in this church suggests that he was also a merchant.'

1641 Protestation Returns - do not survive for Dorchester.

1569 Devon Muster Roll

Nicholas Blacheford, billman - Cliston, Broadclyst
Thomas Blatchforde, presenter - Belston, Black Torrington
William Blatcheforde, billman - Pyworthe, Black Torrington
John Blatcheford, presenter (money and harquebut) - North Tawton
William Blacheforde, presenter - Bridestowe and Sowerton

Edward Blacheford, pikeman - Dartington
Thomas Blacheforde, billman - Littlehempton
Thomas Blacheforde, harquebusier - Staverton
George Blacheford, pikeman - Broadhempston

1524/7 Lay Subsidy Rolls for Devon

Henry Blacheford - Exeter St Sidwell
Walter Blaycheford - Pyworthy
Thomas Blachford - Sourton
John Blacheford - Okehampton
Henry Blacheford - Meavy in Roborough

John Blacheford - East Allington, Stanborough
Richard Blacheford - Little Hempston
Andrew Blacheforde - Broadhempston
William Blacheford - Staverton

The Internet Surname Database

This interesting surname is of English locational origin from Blatchford in Sourton, Devonshire. The placename derives from the Old English pre 7th Century personal name Blaecca plus "ford" a ford, shallow place in a river. The surname is first recorded in the latter half of the 16th Century, (see below). Other early recordings of the surname from the Devonshire church registers include; Christian, daughter of Edward Blatchford, who was christened on September 15th 1584, at Paignton; on October 30th 1584, the marriage of John Blatchford to Honour Preist took place at Holsworthy; Wilmot, son of Edward Blatchford was christened on February 18th 1587, at Paignton; and the marriage of Islett Blatchforde to Peter Priston took place in 1590, at Spreyton. A coat of arms granted to the Blatchford family consists of a blue shield with two gold wavy bars and in a gold chief, three blue arrowheads. On the crest there is a black swans head and neck between two silver wings. A chief in heraldy is said to signify Dominion and Authority and has often been granted as an augmentation reward for successful command in war. The first recorded spelling of the family name is shown to be that of Edward Blatchford, witness at christening, which was dated December 9th 1571, at Dartington, Devonshire, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth 1, "Good Queen Bess", 1558 - 1603. Surnames became necessary when governments introduced personal taxation. In England this was known as Poll Tax. Throughout the centuries, surnames in every country have continued to "develop" often leading to astonishing variants of the original spelling.