

Documents & Books ordered and examined

British Library - 30 Sept 2009

Nine Books were checked. Note that it was apparent that several of the indexes had minor typos, like BAKER of Portslade (visitation of Ssx 1634, original MS, ditto 1662, BLACKER of Buckingham, Old Shoreham). Only a minor hindrance – references checked anyway...

Visitation of Sussex 1570 – no BLAKERS (or variants) indexed. No BLAKER or Variant Pedigree.

From this I deduce that either the BLAKERS weren't in Sussex at that time, or that they weren't armigerous, probably the latter, as the first grant we've found was about 1616.

Visitation of Wiltshire 1623 (published 1828) – Nil BLAKERS.

There was one family of BLAAKE (variously BLAQUE and latterly BLAKE), found in the following locations (original spellings):

Quemberford (Lemberford?)

Cawne (Calne?)

Pynnel / Pinnel

Hilcott

Melsham (Melksham?)

Arms & Pedirees: Harley 1084 – finally found the ref from the Holsworthy Collection. Apparently it is one of MANY documents not yet in the on-line Catalogue!

Sussex, 1634, fo 78

Usual depiction of BLAKER Arms (horse's head & neck with bridle above cheveron and 3 black heads cut at the shoulders).

Pedigree of Edward BLAKER of Portslade. Married Anne, dau of Robt FOWLER of Portslade. Children:

1. Edward BLAKER of Portslade Sonne & Heire.

Married firstly Anne dau of William DAPPE of Newick, sp

Married Secondly Susan eldest dau of Tuppin SCRAS

1. Susan about 5 years old in 1634

2. Edward BLAKER about 4 years old 1634

3. William about 2 years old
 4. Richard
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 2. John
 3. Thomas
 4. Henry

Clearly this is the manuscript from which the printed version was prepared.

Add MSS 12,225 – 1075 Aspidora Sergariana (compilation of Sergar's notes transcribed in a tiny manuscript hand by his grandson)

Pages 24 (item 48) & 25 (item 49).

48. Verbal description of arms, difficult to read, and partially in Latin, I think. Seems to be the standard 3 men's heads....

“To William BLAKER of the City of Salisbury in County of Wilts, Esq., son of William B_____ descended of the BLAKERS of County Derby.

Grant of the above Arms and Crest 1616

[...sentence I can't easily read....] coat is a chevron [???]ninois between 3 negros heads couped”

49. A chevron [saltaire sybol?] between 3 Moors heads side faced couped pp crined.

“To Edward BLAKER of Portslade in county Sussex, son of Edward B_____ of the said place [.....] of the above arms. Feb 19, 1616.”

Items 38 & 49 are probably consecutive because the compilation is alphabetical, rather than because of any specific link. However, it is clear that the heraldry is almost identical. This could be because there is a link that was known to Sergar, or because he was lazy, and re-used a coat of arms he's prepared earlier! I'm inclined to think the former, and perhaps more work should be done in Salisbury.

Harley 6164 – Visitation of Sussex 1633-1634. This volume is a compilation of Manuscripts found whilst examining the non-online indexes...

Page 14. Pedigree of Richard SCRAS. One son, Tuppin SCRAS of Blethington (Blatchington?) Sussex, married Susan, eldest dau of ----- HAYES of Horsmonceux, Sussex. Their eldest dau married Edward BLAKER. There were 3 further sons unmarried in 1634.

Page 14A. Image of BLAKER arms, except that the heads are of 3 girls with long wavy blonde hair facing slightly forwards. There are 5 saltaires [?] on the chevron.

Pedigree is as per 1634 visitation, except 1st wife is Anne DAPP_ of Newick.

Perhaps this is an earlier draft of the visitation? (probably organised in sequence of visit – certainly not alphabetical).

Harlian Society Publication vol 89, Visitation of Sussex 1662.

Page 12/13 BLAKER of Buckingham in Old Shoreham.

Edward BLAKER of Portslade. Will proved Chichester 17 Nov 1571, married Christiana. Will proved at Lewes 9 Apr 1579.

Son, Edward BLAKER of Portslade, Sussex. Will proved Lewes 3 Dec 1594 (Lewes A.9, 262). Married Anne FOWLER of Portslade. Died 1598.

It continues...

...but probably easier to photo at Crawley Library.

Harlian Society Publication vol 66, Grants of Arms to the end of the XVII C.

BLAKER, Edward, of Portslade, 19 Feb 1616/17 by Segar. Add MSS 12,225 fo 13b; C.22, fo19b; Her Coll & Guil 248 as BLACKER.

No idea what C 22 fo 19b is.

Her Coll is probably College of Herald. No idea what Guil is.

BRIDGER: Index to Pedigrees.

BLAKER – Pedigrees of Families in County Sussex by William BERRY, London, 1830 (page 86?)

BLACKER, Wilts – Heralds Visitation of Wilts.

BLACKER, Armagh(of Carrick) – Burkes Landed Gentry, vols 1(ii), 2, 3 & 4

BLACKER, Wexford (Wellbrook) – Burkes Landed Gentry, vols 3 & 4

Note that Burkes Landed Gentry, vols 1 was called: “History of the Commoners” in 4 volumes.

COLMAN’s General Index to Pedigrees

No BLAKERS or variants listed.