

# The Bloet, Blouet, Bluett, Blewitt, Blewet and Blewett Family

*(compiled by David Teague and Michael Blewet)*

*Possibly arriving in Scotland, 870 and then moving to Normandy, France.*

01. Blewett, Blewitt, Bluett. – Nich. 'Bluet,' one of many nicknames of complexion. In this case probably from the dress. Fr. Bluet, a blue woollen cloth; cf. Burrell, Burnet, Cawry-mawry, &c. 'Item, lego Gilberto Skut ... togam mean de bluett furr': 1437. Bury Wills (H.E.D).

Robert Bluet, co. Bucks, 20 Edw. I. R. (1292)

John Bleuit, co. Glouc., 1273. A.

Robert Bluet, co. Linc., *ibid.*

Walter Bluet, London, *ibid.*

Thomas Bloet. co. Southampton, Hen. III – Edw. I K. (bet. 1216 – 1307)

Rculandus Bloet. C.

1584. William Bluet, co. Cornwall: Reg. Univ. Oxf. Vol. li. p.135

1593. Roger Bluett, co. Devon: *ibid.* p.195

1754. Married – James Blewett and Catherine Curtiss: St. Geo. Chap. Mayfair, p.279  
London, 1, 3, 4; Crockford, o, o, 7; Boston (U.S.), 2, o, o; Philadelphia, o, 2, 1.

*Source: A Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames with special American Instances*

*By the late: Charles Wareing Bardsley, M.A.*

*Revised for the press by his widow*

*Published: Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1967*

02. Bluat. The descendants of this Norman knight were at an early period Lords of Ragland. One branch became seated in the county of Devon, and acquired Holcombe Rogus in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, by the marriage of John Bluett with a co-heiress of Chiselden. The great grandson of this alliance, Richard Bluett, Esq., of Holcombe, had two sons – Sir Roger Bluett, Knt., who died in 1566, and was ancestor of the Bluetts of Devon; and Francis, from whom sprang the Bluetts of Cornwall.

*Source: The Roll of Battle Abbey,*

*Annotated. By: John Bernard Burke, Esq., Author of "The Peerage," "Landed Gentry," &c.*

*Published: Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1985*

**Walter Bloet - Walter the Viking** born c987, France, and his son,

**Walter Bloet "Balistarious"** (military engineer) who held the Gloucestershire Manors of Rodley, Ruddle, and Bulley at the time of Domesday.

(refer to the History of Raglan Castle in Wales - an early one was given to Walter)

### **The sons of Walter “Balistarious” Bloet:**

1. William Bloet
2. Robert Bloet, Bishop of Lincoln and then Winchester
3. Richard Bloet
4. **Ralph Bloet I** of Hampshire born after 1050, La Blouette, Normandy

In 1084 **Richard and William Bloet** occur in Normandy (Gall. Christ. xi. 228 Instr.). **Robert Bloiet** was bishop of Winchester, t. William 1. (Ord. Vit. 763). Briqueville la Blouette was the Seat of this family in Normandy (La Roque, Mais. Hare. ii 1834). Robert Bloet witnesses a charter of William 1. (Mon. i. 40), and **Ralph B.** at the same time was a benefactor of Gloucester Abbey (Ib. i. 118). The name long remained of eminence in the West of England.

*Source: The Norman People and their existing Descendants, p.162*

03. *By: H. S. King*

The family of Bluet is said by Camden to have come from Brittany. The name is spelt in the Battle Roll Bluet, and Blaut, and elsewhere Bloet.

*Source: A Dictionary of the Family Names of the United Kingdom*

*Endeavored by: Mark Anthony Lower, M.A., F.S.A*

*Published by: Heraldic Publishing Co., Inc, NY NY, 1967*

**Ralph Bloet I** b. 1050 m. ?

### **The children of Ralph Bloet I were:**

**Elizabeth (Alda) Bloet** m. 1168 to Walter de La Spencer; one child...Thomas de La Spencer

**\*Ralph Bloet II** b. 1120 Lackham Manor, Lacock, Wiltshire; m. Alicia (Ala) Fitzharding dau. of Nicholas Fitz-Robert Fitz-Harding and Ala of Gloucester

### **The children of Ralph Bloet I and Isabella de Beaumont de Clare Bloet:**

**1. \*Sir Ralph Bloet III** Lord of Caerleon and Angharad verch Uchdrud) born c 1145, Silchester, Hampshire; m. **Nest Verch Iorweth** (daughter of Iorweth ap Owain, c. 1173; died c1199, Lackham Manor.

**2. William Bloet/Blewet** b. ca. 1175 at Salisbury Manor, Wales d. ca. 1300, m.

**3. \*\*Roland Bloet** b. ca. 1200, m. Lettice Ragland

**4. Walter Bloet**

**5. Robert Bloet** m. Astelyn

**\*NOTE for Sir Ralph Bloet III added by Barbara Lee Rowe: Nest Verch Iorweth (Edwards) was a**

mistress of King Henry II of England and bore him an illegitimate son, Morgan. *“Given-Wilson and Curteis (p. 9, 99, 179) add Morgan to their list of “identifiable” bastards of Henry II, suggesting that the reason this illegitimate son of Henry II is so little known is that the king died before Morgan was old enough to profit from his father’s assistance and influence in his career. Having been elected to the see of Durham, Morgan in 1213 requested and was refused papal confirmation to the see because of his papal illegitimacy. Given-Wilson and Curteis (p. 99) state that Pope Innocent offered to confirm Morgan as Bishop of Durham if Morgan would swear that he was the son of Nest and her husband, Ralph Bloet, rather than the son of Nest and Henry II. Morgan refused to deny his parentage.”*

*“In Leicestershire, an early “Ralph Bloet” was seized of the Manor of Daglingworth, Temp-Henry II (approx. 1154); which King (Henry II) had a Natural son by the wife of Ralph. This son was named Morgan and was elected Bishop of Durham, but was denied a dispensation by the Pope, as the Canons required in case of Bastardy, because he persisted to own himself the King's son and not Bloet's son and so lost his Bishopric (Nichols Leicestershire).”*

*Source: The Battle Abbey Roll with some Account of the Norman Lineage’s, Vol. 1, p.113  
By: the Duchess of Cleveland  
Published London: John Murray, Albemarle Street, 1889*

**The children of Sir Ralph Bloet III and Nest Verch Iowerth were:**

1. **\*William Bloet** b. 1185 d. ca. 1257, m. ?
2. **Roland Bloet**

**Sir Roland Bloet/Bluet** m. Lettice Ragland

**“ Sir Rowland Bluet, Knight, Lord of Ragland m. Letice dau. and co-heir of Geoffry Ragland (Lord Ragland) and his wife Vivan, and his posterity held the castle for several more generations.”**

*Source: The Battle Abbey Roll with some Account of the Norman Lineage’s, Vol. 1, p.113  
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**“Knepp, Bramber Rape: West Grinstead Hundred, Sussex. In 1214 during forfeiture all the carpenters in the bailiwick of Rowland Bluet were ordered to assemble at Knepp to cut, dress, and prepare timber for use at Dover castle. Two years later Bloet was ordered to construct siege engines in the 'forest' of Knepp and send them to Dover without delay.”**

*Source: A History of the County of Sussex, Vol. VI, Part 2, p.120  
Edited by: T.P. Hudson  
Published for the Institute of Historical Research by Oxford Univ. Press, 1986*

3. **Petronella Bloet** m. King Dermot McCarthy of Cork, Ireland, m. (2) William de Felcham
4. **Thomas Bloet** m. Margery do Coglan and had one son; Peter Bloet
5. **Alda Bloet** m. Almaric Despenser, Sheriff of Rutland to Henry II and Richard I
6. **Emma Bloet** entered the nunnery at Godstow, date uncertain
7. **Morgan Bloet** is raised as a child of Ralph but is confirmed to be the illegitimate child of Nest and King Henry II of England. (from combined sources)

**\*Sir William Bloet/ Bluet** born ca. 1185 Salisbury Manor, Gwent, Wales, d. ca. 1300 ; m.

**Isabel de Clare, Countess of Pembroke, daughter of Robert de Beaumont, 1st [Earl of Leicester](#), [Count of Meulan](#)** (1040/50-5 June 1118, “a powerful Norman nobleman, one of the [Companions of William the Conqueror](#) during the [Norman Conquest](#) of England, and was revered as one of the wisest men of his age. Chroniclers spoke highly of his eloquence, his learning, and three kings of England valued his counsel.” and his wife, Isabel (or Elizabeth) de Vermandois. Isabel had married (1st) Gilbert Fitz Gilbert (de Clare), Earl of Pembroke, died 1147/8.

**Isabel’s children with Sir Gilbert de Clare were:**

1. **Richard “strongbow” de Clare, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Pembroke**
2. **Basilia de Clare** m. Raymond fitz Gerald
3. **\*\*Isabel de Clare** m. Sir William Bloet

*(source: David Crouch, William Marshal; Court, Career and Chivalry in the Angevin Empire 1147-1219 (London & New York: Longman, 1990), p. 139)*

**\*William Bluet/Blewett**, of Salisbury. Abt 1220, but the 5th Generation of Bluetts found to be living at Holcomb Rogus, on Blackdown hills, Devon, the Lord of the Manor passed to Thomas Blewett. Sir John Blewett acquired Holcomb Rogus, Devonshire by marriage to Maud (Margery) Chisellen (Clusleden, Chiseldon) dau. John Clusleden. In 1444 the Chronicler records that John Blewett, of Holcomb Rogus, held the Office of High Sheriff of the county Devon, and Hals' writing, about 1680, says that he was also High sheriff of Cornwall in 26 Henry VI (i.e. 1448). John's great-grandson, Richard, married Mary, daughter of Sir Thomas Greenville. They had a son named Francis, who about 1540, who came/went to Cornwall to court and marry Elizabeth, daughter of Tristram deColan, of Colan, near St Columb Minor, with her sister Anne, co-heiresses of the deColans who were listed as land owners in Colan Parish in Edward II's feudary of 1347.

*Source: A Cornish Family Blewett of Colan'*  
By Peter Laws

William Bluet was summoned to march against the Welsh in 1256.

*Source: The Battle Abbey Roll with some Account of the Norman Lineage's, Vol. 1, p.112*  
By: the Duchess of Cleveland

04. *Published London: John Murray, Albemarle Street, 1889*

Sir William Bluet, Kt. Or Two wings conjoined in fesse gu. (St. George), [Charles assigns these arms to Hereford.] Witness charter of Grace Dieu Abbey 1267, per inspex. 25 June 1285 (Chart. R.). Life exemption from juries, etc., 6 Dec. 1268. Protection from Wm. de Blurette 20 Mar. 1272 (P.R.). Kt. Makes inquiry before K. at Windsor re. a charter 2 Jan 1279 (Cart. R.). Summon to serve agst. Welsh 1282 (P W ). Overlord of Brugamton, Som., as 1/2 Kt. Fee, 27 Jan 1281 (Inq. ). Owes 300 m. in Wilts and Berks. His d. Emmeline to marry Nicholas fil. Ralph 8 Mar. 1282 (C.R.). Summon to Council at Gloucester 12 Jy., 1287 (P W ). He and his heirs have 60, - rent at Burgham, Surr., 25 Apr. 1287. His heir holds 1 Fee at Burham, Surr., late of E. Gloucester, 14 Dec. 1295 (Inq.).

*Source. Knights of Edward I, p. 101  
Notices Collected by Rev. C. Moor, D.D., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S.*

**\*\*Isabel de Clare Bloet** was supposedly the illegitimate daughter of King Henry I of England and is listed as such in several sources including **Thompson, Kathleen (2003). "Affairs of State: the Illegitimate Children of Henry I". *Journal of Medieval History* 29: 129–151.** [doi:10.1016/S0304-4181\(03\)00015-0](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0304-4181(03)00015-0). [ISSN 0304-4181](https://www.elsevier.com/locate/S0304-4181). Her mother, Isabel de Beaumont, Countess of Pembroke, was a known mistress of King Henry I.

**The children of Sir William Bluet and Isabel de Clare were:**

- \*Ralph Bluet VI m. Frances ? had two sons:**
  - \*William Bluet** b. 1230 d. ca. 1300 m. ? (1) Margaret and (2) ? Beatrice of Kent, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Abbess of Lacock
  - Ralph V knt.** – killed at the Battle of Evesham, Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> 1295
- Emmeline Bluet b. 1282 m. Nicholas**
- Elizabeth Bluet b. 1298 m. 1318 to Rodney Stokes, som.**
- Joan Bluet b. ca 1300**

**\*The children of Sir William Bluet and Beatrice of Kent were:**

- \*Sir John Bluet** b. 1265 d. 17 January 1317 m. (1) Margery (Maud) Chiseldon; m. (2) Eleanor de Brianzom d. 28 Oct. 1348
- Ralph Bluet VI m. Frances?**
- Emmeline** b. 1282 m. Nicholas, son of the Treasurer of Wells
- Elizabeth Bluet** b. 1295 m. 1318 Rodney Stokes, som.
- Joan Bluet** b. ca. 1300

**\*The children of Sir John Bloet and Eleanor de Brianzon Bloet were:**

- John Bloet**

2. **Margaret Bloet** b. ca. 1314 m. William de Cusaunce and had one son: Peter de Cusaunce
3. **Eleanor Bloet** b. ca. 1316 m. ca. 1334 Edmund Baynard

Sir John Bluet (Bloete), Kt. Or A double-headed eagle displayed gu. (Segar, Stepney). Bluet (erased): Gu. An eagle displayed arg. A label az. (Cott. ). Protection, gone to Wales for K. with E. of Norfolk, 23 Jy. 1287 (P R ). Kt. Witness deed of said Earl 1 Jun. 1290 IC.R.). Overlord at Eddeworth, Beds., 10 Apr. 1297 (Inq.). Grant of fair at Hilmarton Manor, Wilts., with free warren there and at Lakham, 8 Jan. 1300 (Cart R.). Holding £20 lands in Hants., summon to serve agst. Scots 24 June 1300 (P W.). One owes to him and his sis. Joan 200 m. 24 Aug. 1300, and he owes £24 6s 4d. in Hants. 28 Oct. 1302 (C.R.). Attorney for Alice, wid. of Roger, E. Norfolk, 24 Jan., and to receive her dower 6 Feb. 1307 (P.W. and C.R.). Holds 1 Kt. fee at Hilmarton 29 May 1307, and 2 Fees at Langeston and Wyteton, Monmouth, late of Gilb., E. of Gloucester, 28 Sep. 1314 (Inq.). Ralph fil Wm. Bluet owes to him and w. Margery 2,000 m. 10 Nov. 1308, and £2,000 20 Nov. 1311 (C.R.). Grant of lands in Pewesham Forest, Wilts., 1 Mar. 1315 (F.R.). A Lord of Silchester, Hants., Orcheston, Kingsbridge, Elington, and Laycock, Wilts., 1316 (P.W.). Dead 24 Mar. 1322, leaving 3 d. coh., viz. Eleanor, Margaret, and Joan, overlords at Eddeworth etc. (Inq.).

*Source: Knights of Edward 1, p.100*

*Notices Collected by Rev. C. Moor, D.D., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S.*

Sir John Bluet was one of King Edward I most trusted knights. He stood surety for the King's daughter, Joan d' Acre.

*From the Calender Patent Rolls of Edw. I VOL. 3 – 1292 – 1301 p. 534, dated September 20, 1300*

The Borough of Devizes, John Bluet. who was ordered to deliver the castle from the queen to Le Despencer (Cal. Pat. 1307-13, 51), was constable in 1309-10 (S.C. 611090/7).

*Source: A History of Wiltshire, Vol. X, p.241*

*Edited by: Elizabeth Crittall*

*Published for The Institute of Historical Research by Oxford University Press, 1975*

Hilmarton, Wiltshire. An annual fair to be held on the manor of Hilmarton on the eve and feast of St. Lawrence (10 and 11 Aug.) was granted to John Bluet in 1299. (Cal. Chart., R. 1257-1300, 481.). Its tolls are mentioned in the extent of the manor court amounted to 20s. a year. (Wilts, Inq. p.m. 1327-77 (Index Libr. ), 190.). The fair was confirmed to Philip Baynard in 1401, and in 1407-8 its tolls were both 3s. 6d.

*Source: A History of Wiltshire, Vol. IX, p.60*

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### **Sir Edmund Bluet and Isabel Bowen**

born c1226, Ragland; married c1249.

### **Sir Roger Bluet and Joan de Powys**

born c1250, Monmouthshire

### **Sir Thomas Bluet and Edith Wood/Ward**

born c1275

### **Sir Ralph Bluet and Hawise / Llowis de Monthermer**

born c1300, Monmouthshire; married c1324.

### **Sir Walter Bluet and Christiana Greenham**

born c1325, Raglan Castle, Monmouthshire; married c1349

### **05. Sir Walter Bluet and Ellen Mallet** born c1352, Somerset; married c1375

“Sir Walter Blewett (Knight). Or A chevron and 3 eagles vert. Glou. member of Parliament, Kt. of Somerset in 1311 (P.W.). m. Ellen, dau. of Sir John Mallet of Enmore, Somerset, Knight, and his wife, Alice, dau. of Sir John Trivet Knight. There was also Walter Bluett, who witness a charter, per inspex 9 Feb. 1267 (Cart. R.). Isolda, wid. of Walter B., lately has suit with Anselm Basset, 1 Jan 1278 (C.R.). Walter Bluet and others are notorious disturbers of peace (Inq. in Oxon. 8 May 1285).”

*Source: Knights of Edward 1, p.100-1*

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### **John Blowet and Agnes Beaupyne**

born c1376, Greenham, Somerset; married c1401

## **John Blowet and Maude Chestledene/**

Chestledon born c1402, Holcombe Rogus, Devon; married c1427

## **Walter Bluett and Joane St. Maure/ Seymour**

born c1428, Holcombe Rogus, Devon; married c1452

(Dates vary - sometimes by quite a bit - in different sources)

### **1) Nicholas Bluett**

son of Walter Bluett and Joane St Maure/Seymour

christened 1456, Holcombe Rogus, Devon; died 22 August 1523; married c 1477  
Joanna Fitzjames, daughter of ... Fitzjames and ... born c1451, Holcombe Rogus, Devon; died 22 August 1523

(another has born 1457, Redlynch, Somerset)

children:

(2) **Richard Bluet** born 1478, Holcombe Rogus, Devon; died 22 August 1523, Holcombe Robus, Devon; married 1501, Cornwall; Mary Grenville born 1479, Stowe; died 27 October 1537, buried Stratton Church, Cornwall, daughter of Sir Thomas Grenville II (1449 - 1513) and Isabella Gilbert (1445 - 1477)

children:

(3) **Anne Blewet** born 1493, Somerset; died 1556, South Molton, Devon

(3) **Jane Blewet** born 1502, Holcombe Rogus, Devon;

(3) **Roger Blewett** born 1503, Holcombe Rogus, Devon; died 1566, Holcombe Rogus, Devon

**\*\* (3) Agnes Blewitt (14<sup>th</sup> great grandmother ) born 1509 Ditchat, Somerset ; died 1575, London; married William Thomas Edwards ca. 1521; London**

(3) **Philippa Blewet** born 1511, Holcombe Rogus



(3) **Edmond Blewett** born 1515

(3) **Francis Blewett** born 1516, Colan, Cornwall; died 10 May 1572, Little Colan; married 1555

Elizabeth de Colan (1518 - 1592) daughter of Tristran de Colan and ...