

**NOTE:** This is the “Marriage Settlement between Jasper Blake and Ann Bastard, widow,” listed on page 2 of the Blake Wills from the Carlton Blake Book. It is not the original Marriage Settlement but is a transcript of a deed extract of HARE 4710/14 which may be found among a bundle of extracts relating to Wimbotsham (HARE 4996, 218X2) held by the Norfolk Record Office in Norwich. Because of copyright laws, I am not able to attach the digital picture of the extract, but have tried my best to translate it. *You may order a copy from <http://nrocat.norfolk.gov.uk> using the reference number “HARE 4710/14, 214X6”. It will say: “Indenture - Agreement re settlement on marriage to be had between Jasper Blake and Ann Seward.”*

Wherever there is “...” it means I could not read the wording. The original Marriage Settlement is nowhere in their archives. So, unfortunately, we don’t know when the actual marriage took place and if this 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann was the mother of any of Jasper’s children.

This definitely confirms that Ann Blomeville was Jasper’s 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, not the 1<sup>st</sup>, as the Carlton Blake book asserts. Ann Pygot must have been the 1<sup>st</sup> wife. I am trying to confirm her death date, but so far, have found no record of their marriage or her death.

Ann Blomeville was married 3 times before Jasper and it appears had 2 children under age at the time this extract was written in 1542. She was married to John Basterd with a child named Constance, and to Richard Wyght, with child Erasmus. Her name according to the Extract was *Seward (3<sup>rd</sup> husband)*. I have not been able to find any record of the dates of the marriages.

#### **The translation of the Hare 4710/14 extract:**

***Date: 30 June 1542***

*An Indenture of Settlement of land in Wimbotsham & Stow (Bardolph) between Edw. Blomeville of Newton Flotman in the county of Norfolk, England and John Blomeville of Little Plumstod ibn the same county of England of ... and Jasper Blake of Wimbotsham in the ... gentleman of the other ... It was ... in consideration of a marriage between this Jasper Blake and Anne Seward widow, sister of the said Edward and John Blomeville and the said Jasper covenanted to make to the Edward Blomeville and John Blomeville anf Johy Pygot gentleman and John ... gentleman of ... of land and tenements in Wimbotsham , Stow (Bardolf) or Downham in the yearly value of 5 marks of his body ... Remainder to his ... heirs for-ever. And this Jasper also covenants that he would be contented to pay the sum of 10 marks a piece to Erasmus Wyght and Constance Basterd children of the said Ann at their ages of 21 years. Ann furthermore to defend the said Edward and John Blomeville ... as far as concerned the fulfilling of the will of Richard Wyght late husband of the said Ann. Signed by Edward Blomeville and John Blomeville 2 seals with ... 2 seals*

Jean Blake Timmons

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