

The Family of Georges Hennezel

Georges Hennezel, Seigneur de Houldrichapelle, was the ancestor of the Henzeys of Stourbridge and many of the Henzells of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Georges was the son of Jehan Hennezel III.¹ Jehan had been one of the masters of the verrière de Hennezel from 1523 to 1546 and was the son of Claude Hennezel, and grandson of Jehan Hennezel I and Béatrix de Barizey who had married in 1446.² Claude was therefore born in about 1450, Jehan III, as a younger son in about 1485 and Georges, also a younger son, in about 1520. So it would be expected that by 1550 Georges would have been married with young children.

His only recorded wife was Moingeon des Massey. They had married before March 1586³ and in 1590 Moingeon des Massey, a widow, and her two underage children, Ananias and Israël, were prosecuted by the Community of Granges.⁴

As Ananias Henzey was in England by 1590 when his daughter, Elizabeth, was baptised at Kirdford in Sussex,⁵ he must have been about 20 years old at the time of his prosecution.

George's probable sons, Ambrose, Edward and Nicholas, were all active in England in the 1580s and in 1572 Ambrose had been part owner of the Verrière Thomas and expanding his operations into Picardy. So they must have been born in the period 1540 to 1550. Was Moingeon des Massey their mother?

In the period 1549 to 1552 the Verrière Thomas had been in the hands of François Thiétry. In 1553 it was in the control of Jacques Thiétry, Georges Hennezel and Jeannette Mareschal, widow of François Thiétry.⁶ This suggests that in 1553 François Thiétry had recently died and that his property had been inherited by his widow, his son and his son-in-law.

In 1572 one third of the Verrière Thomas belonged to Ambroise Hennezel and two thirds belonged to Jehan Thiétry. It seems probable that when Ambroise came of age his father had given him his share of the Verrière Thomas and the remaining two thirds had passed to Jehan as heir to Jacques Thiétry and Jeannette Mareschal.

The conclusion that can be deduced from this is that in the early 1540s Georges Hennezel married the daughter of François Thiétry and by her had at least three sons. By the late 1560s Georges had been widowed and remarried Moingeon des Massey

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¹ Comte Hennezel d'Ormois, *Voyage au pays des ancêtres*, pages 209-210
http://www.hennezel.net/pdf/Voyage_au_pays_des_ancetres.pdf

² De La Chenaye-Desbois et Badier, *Dictionnaire de la Noblesse* Troisième Édition, Tome Dixième (Paris 1866) Column 548

³ Germaine Rose-Villequey, *Verre et Verriers de Lorraine au Début des Temps Modernes*, p.469

⁴ Don Tyzack, *Glass, Tools & Tyzacks* (Gerrards Cross 1995) page 64

⁵ *Sussex Family History Group* Baptismal Index

⁶ Rose-Villequey, page 744-745