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BANGOR, Viscountess, Lady

Anne Magill, née Bligh

c.1714– Bath 7.II.1789

An amateur pastellist; daughter of the 1st Earl of Darnley and intimate friend of Mrs Delany (*q.v.*) who described her uncommon “turn for conversation”. In 1742 she married Robert Hawkins-Magill who died in 1745. Two years later she married Bernard Ward, an Irish judge; he was created Baron (1770) and then Viscount (1781) Bangor. According to her obituary, she was a lady of a most eccentric character, leading an unimpeachable life until, in middle age (in 1766; her date of birth remains uncertain), and for no apparent cause, she abandoned her husband and family. Castle Ward reflects the couple’s differences in taste, Bernard Ward preferring a classical style, his wife Gothick. Theodosia, daughter of her first marriage, became Countess of Clanwilliam and was the sole beneficiary of Lady Bangor’s estate.

Bibliography

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