

Ann Louisa Baring

Anne Louisa Baring, Baroness Ashburton (born **Ann Louisa Bingham** 6 January 1782 – 5 December 1848) was the wife of Alexander Baring, Lord Ashburton and first child of William Bingham and Ann Willing Bingham.

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Early life

Ann Louisa Baring was born on 6 January 1782, the day before the Bank of North America sold its first charter shares, her father and grandfather working closely with Alexander Hamilton to write the by-laws. Her father was rumored to be the richest man in America after the Revolutionary War.^[1]

Her younger sister, Maria Matilda Bingham, married three times. First to French aristocrat, Jacques Alexandre, Comte de Tilly. Afterwards she married Anne Louisa's brother-in-law, Henry Baring. After their divorce in 1824, she married the Marquis de Blaisel in 1826.^[2]

Personal life

On 23 August 1798, Ann Louisa was married Alexander Baring (1774–1848), a son of Harriet (née Herring) Baring and Sir Francis Baring, 1st Baronet.^[3] Among his siblings was Sir Thomas Baring, 2nd Baronet and Henry Baring (an MP for Bossiney^[4] and Colchester),^[5] His father and his uncle, John Baring established the London merchant house of John and Francis Baring Company, which eventually became Barings Bank.^[6] Together, Ann Louisa and Alexander had nine children:^[7]

- Bingham Baring, 2nd Baron Ashburton (1799–1864), who married Lady Harriet Montagu, eldest daughter of George Montagu, 6th Earl of Sandwich.^[8]
- Francis Baring, 3rd Baron Ashburton (1800–1868), who married Hortense Maret (c. 1812–1882), daughter of Hughes-Bernard Maret, 1st Duc de Bassano, the Prime Minister of France.

The Right Honourable
The Lady Ashburton



section from an unfinished Bingham family portrait by Gilbert Stuart

Personal details

Born Ann Louisa Bingham
6 January 1782

Died 5 December 1848
(aged 66)
Bay House, Gosport

Spouse(s) Alexander Baring
(m. 1798; died 1848)

Relations Maria Matilda Bingham
(sister)

Children 9, including Bingham Baring, 2nd Baron Ashburton, Francis Baring, 3rd Baron Ashburton

Parent(s) William Bingham
Ann Willing Bingham

- Hon. Harriet Baring (1804–1892), married Henry Thynne, 3rd Marquess of Bath.^[9]
- Hon. Rev. Frederick Baring (1806–1868), Rector of Itchen Stoke who married Frederica Ashton on 24 April 1831.^[7]
- Hon. Anne Eugenia Baring (d. 1839), who married Humphrey St John-Mildmay.^[7]
- Alexander Baring (1810–1832), who died on board HMS Alfred in the Mediterranean.^[7]
- Hon. Arthur Baring (1818–1838), who died unmarried.^[7]
- Hon. Louisa Emily Baring (d. 1888).^[7]
- Hon. Lydia Emily Baring (d. 1868).^[7]

In 1835, her husband was created the first Baron Ashburton in the Peerage of the United Kingdom.^[10]

Lord Ashburton died on 12 May 1848 at Longleat, Wiltshire. Lady Ashburton died several months later on 5 December 1848 at Bay House in Gosport.^[7]



1842 portrait of her husband, Lord Ashburton, by George Peter Alexander Healy.

Descendants

Through her eldest son, she was a grandmother of Hon. Mary Florence Baring (1860–1902), who married William Compton, 5th Marquess of Northampton.^[11] Through her second son, he was a grandmother of Hon. Alexander Baring, 4th Baron Ashburton (1835–1889), and Hon. Maria Anne Louisa Baring (1833–1928), who married William FitzRoy, 6th Duke of Grafton.^[12]

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