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## **DORMER, Mrs Robert, née Mary Blake**

London c.1663 – Quainton 15.III.1729  
Daughter and co-heir of Sir Richard Blake, Kt (1614–1683), of Clerkwenwell; her sister married Gilbert Burnet, bishop of Salisbury. On 14.XII.1683 at St Paul's, Covent Garden, aged about 20, she married the judge and politician Robert Dormer (1650–1726). Ralph Thoresby visited him on 15.VII.1712 and was shown some family portraits in crayons “of his lady's own workmanship”. There is an elaborate monument to the couple in the church at Quainton.

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