

Splinters From The Tree – February 2014

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Section 1 - Welcome

We now have more than 100,000 individuals loaded into our Bassett database at the website and it still has a few remaining trees to be added.

My next DNA talk is in LaPorte County, Indiana on Tuesday, April 8th, 2014.

I will be travelling to Boise, Idaho on February 23rd. If anyone is interested in meeting for dinner one night during the week, please let me know.

The following trees were added to the Bassett website database since the last newsletter:

14B. Jean Besset of Quebec (16,339 individuals)

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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Jean Besset family of Quebec added to website

More than 16,000 descendants of Jean Besset of the #14B Jean Besset family have now been added to the website.

Nearly 1,000 of them carry the Bassett surname and nearly 5,000 take the name Besset, Bessett or Bessette.

The most famous member of the his family is St. Andre of Montreal (born Alfred Bessette), canonized in 2010.

If you ever get to Montreal, be sure to visit Saint Joseph's Oratory, built by Father Andre beginning in 1924.

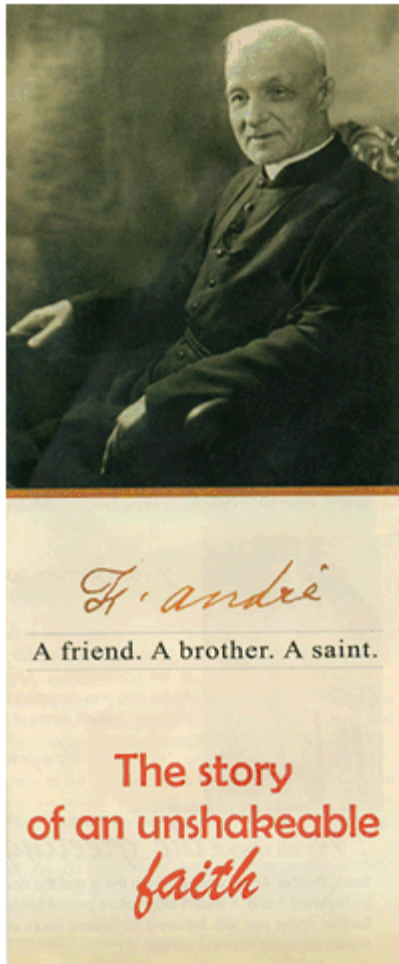
It is a magnificent basilica. My wife and I visited in July of 2013.



Saint Joseph's Oratory, Montreal, Quebec
Joseph's Oratory



Statue of Brother Andre on the grounds of Saint



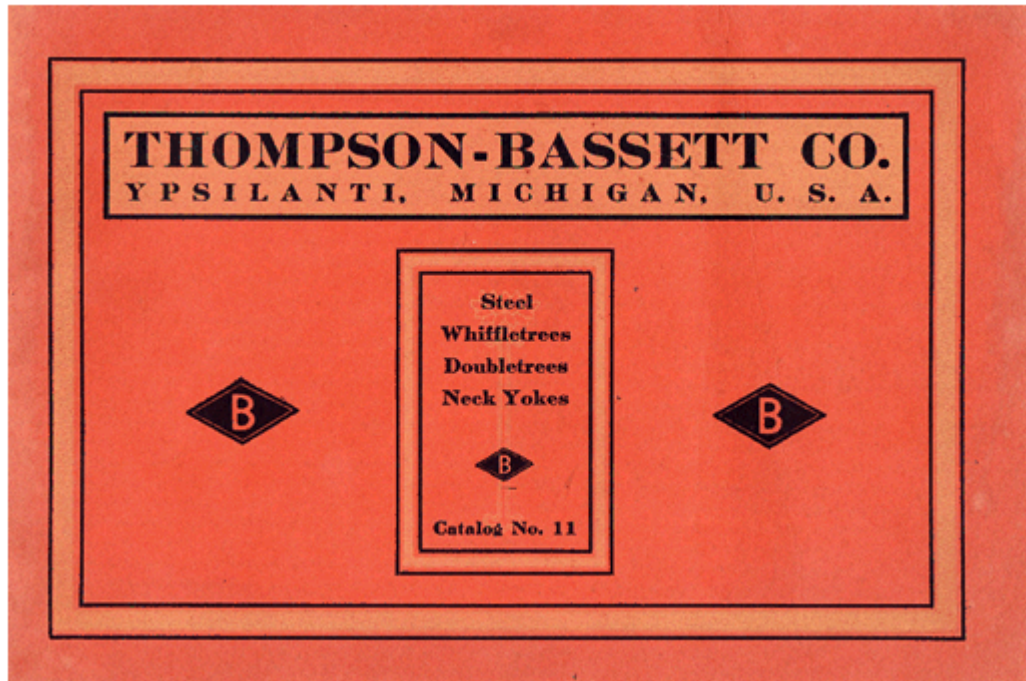
Booklet given out at Saint Joseph's Oratory in Montreal

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Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Thompson-Bassett Co. of Ypsilanti, Michigan

The following sales catalog was sent to me by Kendall Bassett.

I have so far been unable to figure out which Bassett might be related to this company. If you know of any Bassett connection, please let me know.



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Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Abraham Joseph Bassett family photograph

The following was provided by Abe Bassett about his family.

Abraham Joseph Bassett descends #107B Joseph Bassett of Kfeir, Lebanon as follows:

Joseph Bassett (b. 1840) and wife Adlah Jamra
Abraham Joseph Bassett (b. 1885) and wife Rahija Saad

ONE CENTURY HAS PASSED!

On this date, one hundred years ago, on February 2, 1914, Rahija Abou Jamra Saad and Abraham Joseph Bassett were wed in Blissfield Michigan, at the home of George and Maheba Saad Kerbawy.

Rahija was 22 years 8 months old and Abraham was 28 years and 9 months. On their wedding date, Abraham had been in America 13 years, and Rahija three years.

The photograph above was taken in September 1916 in Williamson, West Virginia, when daughters Gladys was 16 months old and Selma was four months old.

No photograph exists of Rahija and Abraham prior to this date, at which time Rahija was 25 and Abraham 31.

Between the date of this photograph in 1916, and September 1930, four more children were born. Abraham died in 1949 at age 63, and Rahija died in 1983 at age 92.

The photographer was Jasper Saad, brother of Rahija.



Abraham Joseph and Rahija (Saad) Bassett 1916 (Picture provided by Abraham's son Abe Bassett)

The Columbus Dispatch, March 29, 1949
Deaths and Funerals

BASSETT - Abraham Joseph, Sr., age 63, residence 2015 Tremont Rd., Monday at home. Proprietor of Towne Tavern, 31 W. Long St. Beloved husband of Rahija and father of Misses Gladys, Selma and Wadad Abraham Joseph Bassett, Jr., Mrs. William Allen Scott; 2 grandchildren all of Columbus. A daughter, Mrs. John W. Rutherford, Jr., California; mother, Mrs. Joseph Bassett; 1 brother Sam Bassett, both of Blissfield, Mich.; 1 brother, Frank of Detroit; 1 sister, Mrs. M.H. Bassett, Napoleon, Ohio. Native of Lebanon and member of Upper Arlington Civic Association, Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Beni-Kedem Shrine, Charleston, W. Va., the Blue Lodge of Masons, Royal Arch O'Rien ow Williamson, W. Va., where he was a food merchant for 26 years. Friends received at the residence after 6 p.m. Tuesday. Funeral service Thursday, 2:30 p.m. Trinity Episcopal Church, Rev. Robert W. Fay officiating. Interment in charge of John Quint & Sons Funeral Home. Family request omission of flowers. (Williamson, W.Va. papers please copy).

[Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Henrietta Bassett Embroidery & Stamping Shop of Rochester, New York](#)

I have identified Mrs. H. Bassett as Henrietta Bassett. She appears in the 1870 census of Rochester with two sons, George H. Bassett, age 13, and Edwin Bassett, age 2.

She appears in the 1880 census of Rochester with two sons George Hartman, age 22, and Edwin Bassett, age 12.

Based on this information she may have first been married to a Mr. Hartman and had George and later married Mr. Bassett who must have died before the 1870 census.

No other information is known at this time.



Advertising Card found on ebay.

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Tuesday, February 10, 1885
Removal

Mrs. H. Bassett has removed her stamping and embroidery establishment to 100 State street (up-stairs), over Mackie's music store, where she will be pleased to see all of her old customers, and as many new ones as will favor her with a call.

MRS. H. BASSETT,
EMBROIDERY AND STAMPING
— AND —
FANCY GOODS ESTABLISHMENT,
(Waverley Block,)
142 State Street, - - Rochester, N. Y.
KID GLOVES CLEANED ON SHORT NOTICE.
PATTERNS AT WHOLESALE. ALSO, PINKING DONE.

The Rochester City Directory, 1877

[Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Elmer H. Bassett of Dansville, New York](#)

Elmer H. Bassett descends from #14B Jean Besset as follows:

Jean Besset and wife Anne Siegneur
Francois Besset (b. 1685) and wife Marie Claude Dubois
Clement Claud Besset (b. 1728) and wife Marie Charlotte Lamoureux
Joseph Besset (b. 1765) and wife Anne Lalanne
Pierre Pascal Bessette and wife Marguerite Stanislas
Peter Bassett (b. 1819) and wife Anastasie Loiselle
Thomas Bassett (b. 1851) and wife Henrietta Marcille
Elmer H. Bassett (b. 1901) and wife Mabel Luella Vahue



Genesee Country Express and Advertiser, Dansville, N.Y.
Thursday, November, 2, 1933
Elmer H. Bassett (Includes picture)

Elmer H. Bassett, Democratic nominee for the office of supervisor from the Town of North Dansville, has been a resident of this village for the past ten years. With Leslie Vahue he conducted the Red and White store under the firm name of Bassett and Vahue. Four years ago he purchased Mr. Vahue's interest and has since that time owned and managed the store. Mr. Bassett is treasurer of the Dansville Rotary Club, former treasurer of the Fearless Hook and Ladder Company, and Past Sachem of the Improved Order of Red Men. His business brings him into close touch with the public, he knows their needs and he knows their limitations. He is an upright, enterprising citizen, and his supporters say that he is the logical man to represent the Town of North Dansville on the Board of Supervisors.

[Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Phillip James Cameron Bassett photograph](#)

Phillip descends from the Bassetts of Beaupre, Wales, as follows:

Sir Elias Basset (born 1320) married Margaret Delabeare
John Basset
Thomas Basset (born 1380) married Alice Marcross
John Basset (born 1410) married Gwenllian
Jenkin Basset (born 1445)
William Basset (born 1477)
Christopher Basset (born 1514)
Thomas Basset of St. Athan
William Basset of Miskin
Thomas Basset (born 1641)
George Bassett

Christopher Bassett
Thomas Bassett
George Bassett (born 1760)
Thomas Bassett (b. 1810) and wife Catherine Watkins
Richard Bassett (b. 1832) and wife Robeina Cameron
Phillip James Cameron Bassett (b. 1874 in Australia) and wife Annie Louisa
Jury.



Phillip James Cameron Bassett

Picture provided by Rob Leatham.

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[Section 8 - New family lines combined or added since the last newsletter](#)

No new family lines added or combined this month.

[Section 9 - DNA project update.](#)

One new kit was sent, but no new results are back from the lab to report on this month.

Donations of any amount can be made to the Bassett DNA project by clicking on the link below. Any funds donated will be used to fund select Bassett DNA tests that will further our project as a whole and benefit all Bassetts worldwide.

<http://www.familyreedna.com/group-general-fund-contribution.aspx?g=Bassett>

This is just a reminder that the DNA portion of the Bassett Family Association can be found at:

<http://www.bassettbranches.org/dna/>

A current spreadsheet of results can be found at:

<http://www.bassettbranches.org/dna/BassettDNA.xls>

If you don't have Excel and can't open the spreadsheet above, you can now see the DNA test results at the following website.

<http://www.familyreedna.com/public/Bassett/>

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