

Bassett Family Newsletter, Volume XIII, Issue 1, 18 January 2015

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Section 1 - Welcome

No new trees added this month to the database.

I will be in the Dallas, Texas area on Monday, January 19th, 2015 and several of us Bassetts are getting together for dinner Monday evening at 6:30. If you would like to join us, please send me an email.

I will be in many different cities over the next six months. I hope to be able to give my Bassett DNA talk at several different locations across the country. Watch future newsletters for more information.

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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Judge William Garry Bassett of Massachusetts

William Garry Bassett is descended from #6B William Bassett of Connecticut as follows:

William Bassett and wife Hannah (Dickerman) Ives
John Bassett (b. 1652) and wife Mercy Todd
Joseph Bassett (b. 1697) and wife Miriam Bradley
Joseph Bassett (b. 1727) and wife Chloe Sanford
Jacob Bassett (b. 1775) and wife Lovice Bassett
Manning B. Bassett (b. 1815) and wife Julia A. Tyler
William Garry Bassett (b. 1843)

Boston Herald, Saturday, May 26, 1923

Judge W.G. Bassett

NORTHAMPTON, May 25 - Berkshire county lost one of its best known and oldest lawyers, as well as banker and public spirited citizen, when William Garry Bassett dropped dead here today.

The octogenarian had called a meeting of the executive committee of the First National bank, of which he was president, and he was going over the books when the heart attack that meant death attacked him.

Bassett was born and educated in North Haven, Ct., afterward attending Yale. He was graduated from Albany Law school and became a member of the New York state bar in 1866. A year later he came to Massachusetts and became a member of the bar here.

He was appointed a judge in probate in 1887 and has held that position continuously. Besides being president of the First National bank here, he was president of the Glendale Elastic Fibre Company and the Easthampton Rubber Thread Company.

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[Section 3 - Featured Bassett: DNA results for the 300B. Bassett line of Okehampton](#)

In conjunction with a Bassett family reunion being held in New Zealand this month, DNA testing was done on the #300B Bassett line of Okehampton, Devon, England. This family descends through son Thomas Bassett listed below.

FIRST GENERATION

300B. Thomas Bassett of Okehampton

Thomas Bassett married Charity Lane in 1733 in Okehampton, Devon, England.

300B1. Mary Bassett - christened 11 Sep 1733 in Okehampton, Devon, England.

300B2. Susanna Bassett - christened Dec 1736 in Okehampton, Devon, England.

300B3. Charity Bassett - christened 30 Dec 1740 in Okehampton, Devon, England.

+ 300B4. Thomas Bassett - christened 30 Dec 1740 in Okehampton, Devon, England, married Ann.

300B5. John Bassett - christened 28 Dec 1743 in Okehampton, Devon, England.

300B6. William Bassett - christened 19 May 1746 in Okehampton, Devon, England.

This family shares common ancestors with the #22B Bassetts of Ashwater and Bassetts of South Tawton and Timsbury as well. The chart below is rather small, but the full chart can be seen at the website.

- 254B1. Mary Bassett - born 30 May 1716 in Farmborough, Somerset.
- 254B2. Hanah Basset - born 11 Sep 1718 in Farmborough, Somerset, England.
- + 254B3. Samuel Basset - born 9 Sep 1721 in Farmborough, Somerset, England, married Joan Chancellor 9 Sep 1744 in Timsbury, Somerset, England.

Removals from High Littleton 1702-1861

Person Removed: Samuel Bassett

Removed to: Farmborough

Date of Order: 15 Mar 1711/12

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Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Ethel Bassett Elopement

Ethel Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
 Nathaniel Bassett (b. 1628) and wife Dorcas Joyce
 Nathan Bassett (b. 1677) and wife Mary Crowell
 Samuel Bassett (b. 1714) and wife Susannah Lombard
 Nehemiah Bassett (b. 1743) and wife Dorcas Cole
 Nehemiah Bassett (b. 1786) and wife Mary J. Lawson
 Nehemiah Bassett (b. 1811) and wife Mary Foster
 Henry Bassett (b. 1836) and wife Melissa Jane Harrington
 Nathan C. Bassett (b. 1868) and wife Edna B. Webster
 Ethel Bassett

The Niagara Falls Gazette, Monday, August 23, 1915
 Marriage Ceremony Enables Youth to Leave Lockup
 Walter Horner, 18, and Ethel Bassett, 17, are Wed
 Guardians Give Consent - Both Working in Buffalo

Walter Horner and Ethel Bassett were yesterday married by the Rev. A. S. Bacon, at the parsonage of the First Presbyterian church. The couple were under age but special permission was given them by parents and guardians to permit the ceremony to proceed in the regular manner. The marriage license was issued yesterday afternoon and was the first official act of City Clerk Thomas H. Hogan upon that official's return from a convention of municipal clerks at Troy. The Horners remained overnight at the home of the bridegroom's mother in Fourth street and today arranged to go to Buffalo where Horner is said to have employment.

The marriage of the twain is the culmination of a romance involving the elopement of the girl, who is under seventeen years old, from the home of her uncle, Claude Webster, No. 29 West Niagara street, with Horner who is only eighteen two weeks ago. The youth was forbidden

in the Webster home when he essayed to pay his attentions to the young girl. They planned to elope and go to Detroit, where they hoped to find employment. In Buffalo their funds ran low and Horner was given employment the remuneration for which enabled the pair to enjoy no better luxuries than the cheap lodging houses. During the wet spell of last week the girl was caught in a heavy shower and her clothing was soaked. In order to get out on the street with her companion Saturday the girl donned a suit of Horners clothing and walked down Franklin street where she was detected by a policeman who proved his suspicions she was not adapted to the wearing of man's attire.

The girl fessed up she was the one being sought by the Niagara Falls police and she and Horner were detained pending the arrival of an officer from this city. Horner was charged with abduction. Following the return of the couple the mother of the youth and guardians of the girl conferred and all agreed it would be well to have the marriage ceremony and settle all difficulties.

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Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Jack Bassett, Musician

Jack Bassett descends from #128B Joseph Bassett of Dudley, England.

Joseph Bassett (b. 1770) and wife Ann Smith
Joseph Bassett (b. 1813) and wife Ann Bowater
John Bassett (b. 1848) and wife Elizabeth Thomas
Jonathan Thomas Bassett (b. 1887) and wife Ellen Harris
Jack Bassett (b. 1921) and wife June M. Ferrier



Musician Jack Bassett from a 1937 photograph.

He later moved from Barrow, England to South Africa

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Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Joseph Roundy Bassett of Marblehead, Massachusetts

Joseph Roundy Bassett descends from #217 Mathew Bassett of Marblehead as follows:

Mathew Bassett and wife Elizabeth Maily
John Maily Bassett (b. 1778) and wife Sarah Duparr
Joseph Roundy Bassett (b. 1818) and wife Sarah A. Anderton

The History and Traditions of Marblehead

With the opening of the railroad to Salem, in 1839, an impetus was given to the manufacturing interests of the town, and an era of prosperity began. One of the first to avail themselves of the advantages presented by this ready means of transportation by rail, was Mr. Joseph R. Bassett, an energetic and enterprising young man who had established himself in the shoe business a few years before. As his business increased he built a factory near the depot, and began to devise measures for the improvement of the town. But in those days the people of Marblehead were not easily convinced of the necessity of improvement, and Mr. Bassett was obliged to contend with the stubborn opposition and blind conservatism of his fellow-citizens. For years a twine factory or rope-walk had been situated in a field fronting on Washington Street, and a few feet back of this building there was a tan yard and a cordage factory. The only access to these buildings until another way was opened by the extension of Pleasant Street, was by means of a narrow foot path which led from Washington Street to a gate at the entrance to the pastures on "Reed's Hill". The first venture of the enterprising shoe manufacturer was to purchase the field in which the rope-walk stood, and in a short time the foot path was transformed into the street now known as School Street. The town refused to sanction his action, and would not accept the street after it was finished. He was not to be discouraged, however, and a short time after purchased the "Sewall Lot," through which a street was laid out from the Cornish and Evans estate to a point on "Reed's Hill". This street was accepted by the town in 1844, and has since been known as "Sewall Street". "Spring Street" was laid out during the following year, and was so named from a spring of pure water on the premises. Mr. Bassett's next movement was to lay out and build four streets over Reed's Hill, and in that vicinity. The question which now perplexed the people was, "How could the house-lots on all these streets be sold, and by whom would they be purchased?" The problem was soon solved. On every street that he had laid out Mr. Bassett began to build neat and comfortable cottages, agreeing to furnish those of this workman who purchased them with constant employment, and to deduct a certain proportion from their earnings every week, until the houses and lots were paid for. This proposition was readily accepted by man of his workmen; and in a few years the entire section in the vicinity of the new streets were covered with houses. Though actively engaged in enterprises which were to a great or less extent of a public nature, Mr. Bassett did not neglect his own business. With the keen foresight of a shrewd business man, he made use of every new invention as it appeared, and the effect was soon apparent in the increasing proportions of his business. In 1844 he introduced the first sewing-machine ever used in the town. It was used for stitching uppers, Miss Hannah Johnson, a young woman

at work in his factory, being the first operator. Previous to this time, all the shoes manufactured in town had been made entirely by hand. With the introduction of the sewing machine other possibilities were suggested and the idea was conceived of using it for binding shoes as well as stitching them. The work was at first performed by stitching the binding on one side of the upper with the machine, and then turning it over and sewing it down on the other side by hand. This was not a very satisfactory method, however, and finally Mr. Bassett succeeded in inventing a binding attachment for the machine. The "binder", as it was called, was made from an old pewter spoon which had been filed and bent into the requisite shape. But it performed its work well, and was as successful as if made from some more pretentious material. During the year 1847, Mr. Bassett erected a steam sawmill on the shore in the section known as the ship-yard. This was for the manufacture of wooden shoe-boxes; but it had an effect little dreamed of, even by its sanguine projector. The necessity of a good road to the mill suggested the laying out of streets, and the founding of a new settlement. The idea was speedily put in execution. A large tract of land in the vicinity was purchased, and Commercial Street, the town streets running parallel with it, and the cross streets intervening, were laid out. Two years later, the street leading over the hill, known as "Prospect Street", was laid out. The growth of the settlement in this section was hardly less rapid than that of those near the depot and on "Reed's Hill". As before, houses were erected and sold to workingmen at reasonable prices, and in a short time there was a village of comfortable homes where once had been vacant fields and pasture lands. It is unnecessary to write of the large buildings erected in the vicinity of the depot during these and the years that followed. We have already, perhaps, devoted too much space to the doings of one man. But it should be remembered that to him, more than to any other person, the citizens of Marblehead are indebted for the growth and industrial development of their community. During the great panic of 1857 he was the only manufacturer who did not close his factory. Hundreds of workingmen were thrown out of employment, and in their extremity all looked to him. He employed them all, nearly the entire laboring population, and by his persistent energy averted the suffering and distress that otherwise must have been inevitable. It is a difficult task to write of men still living. Their mistakes, their weaknesses, and their faults are brought prominently to view even in praising their virtues; and few men have lived who have not made enemies. So, perhaps, with this man. He has undoubtedly made mistakes, been guilty of indiscretions, and shown many grievous faults but with these we have nothing to do. The record of his career while a resident of Marblehead bears evidence that he has not lived for himself alone, and it is ours only to recognize in him the public-spirited citizen who did what he could for the good of community.

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Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Orville Bassett, Civil War Soldier

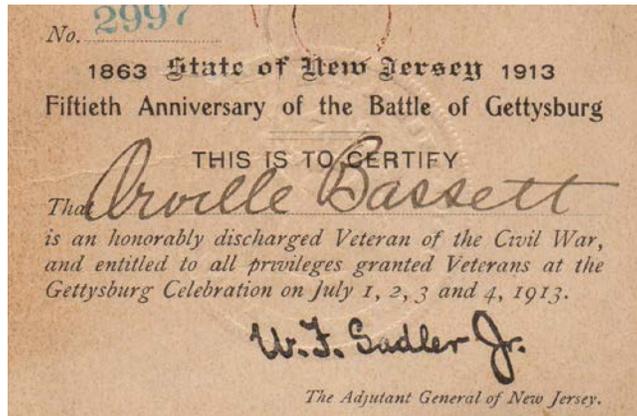
Orville Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
William Bassett (b. 1624) and wife Mary Rainsford
William Bassett (b. 1656) and wife Rachel Williston
William Bassett (b. 1681) and wife Abigail Bourne

John Bassett (b. 1716) and wife Mercy Newcomb
Thomas Bassett (b. 1759) and wife Lydia Mendall
Ezra Bassett (b. 1800) and wife Keziah Russell
Orville Bassett (b. 1840) and wife Emma Burt

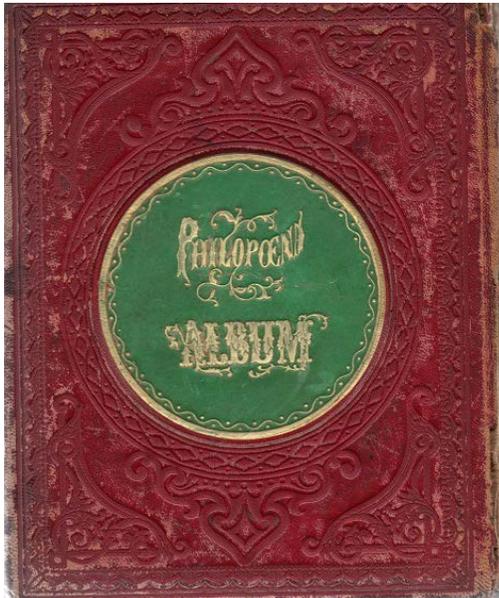


Orville Bassett



Orville Bassett Gettysburg Celebration Card

Thanks to Donna from California who found the Autograph Album of Emma Burt (seen below) for sale in California. The book dates from the 1850's. Inside the book it also contained the picture of Orville Bassett and the 50th Anniversary card seen above.



Emma Burt Album

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Section 8 - New family lines combined or added since the last newsletter

No lines added or combined since the last newsletter,.

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Section 9 - DNA project update.

Results for kit 345842 were added. This confirms his placement in the #202B Bassetts of Llanelly, Wales.

345842	#202 Bassett of Llanelly, Wales	I	13	25	16	11	13	17	11	13	11	12	11	28	15	8	10	10	12	24	15	19	30	14	14	15	16	10	9	19	19	14	14	16	19	34	36	12	10
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No new results to report on the Bassett DNA project.

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:

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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