

Bassett Family Newsletter, Volume III, Issue 2, 22 February 2015

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Section 1 - Welcome

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

- 502B. James Bassett of Ireland and Albany County, New York (12 individuals)
- 503B. Samuel Bassett of Ireland and Albany County, New York (17 individuals)

New DNA talk scheduled in SALT LAKE CITY.

I will be speaking on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7pm at the Salt Lake City LDS Family History Library, Main Floor Classroom. Topic will be the Bassett Family DNA project. I hope members of the Bassett living in Utah will have a chance to attend.

If anyone has connections to a Genealogical Society in the New Haven, Connecticut area, please let me know. I will be travelling there in July and would like to arrange a DNA talk there as well if possible.

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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Clark Blakesley. Bassett

Clark Blakesley Bassett is descended from #1B John Bassett of Connecticut as follows:

John Bassett and wife Margery  
Robert Bassett and wife Mary  
Robert Bassett (b. 1640) and wife Elizabeth Riggs  
Samuel Bassett (b. 1692) and wife Deborah Bennett  
Joseph Bassett (b. 1722) and wife Sarah Hawkins  
Samuel Bassett (b. 1766) and Sally Atwell  
Clark Bassett (b. 1810) and wife Mary Melvina Hanford  
George S. Bassett (b. 1856) and wife Ida Juliana Griffith  
Clark Blakesly Bassett (b. 1900) and wife Bonnie



Tonawanda News, Friday, November 23, 1962  
Clark B. Bassett Lawyer, Dies at 62

Area residents in a wide variety of civic, business and professional fields today were mourning the death of Clark B. Bassett, prominent lawyer and community leader.

Mr. Bassett died Wednesday night in Buffalo General Hospital after a long illness. He was 62.

A member of the law firm of Knoell, Bassett & Denk at 65 Niagara St. Tonawanda, Mr. Bassett lived at 202 Niagara St., North Tonawanda.

In his 40 years in the Tonawandas, Mr. Bassett's interests and activities spanned the spectrum of community projects and problems, and his ability and energy thrust him into leadership roles in scores of them.

Born in Coopers Plains, N.Y., Mr. Bassett attended Cornell University and the University of Buffalo Law School. After graduation from the latter in 1921, he became associated with the Buffalo law firm of Dudley, Stowe & Sawyer. He opened his own firm in Tonawanda with the late Charles J. Knoell in 1929.

Long interested in Boy Scouting, Mr. Bassett was a former president of the Buffalo Area Council, a member-at-large of the Tonawanda District, and had served on the Region II Executive Committee. He also held the Silver Beaver Award, scouting's highest achievement honor.

Aided Hospital

Mr. Bassett was an incorporator and legal counsel for DeGraff Memorial Hospital, and had donated land needed in the present hospital

expansion program. He also donated land for the Disabled American Veterans clubhouse in Sweeney Street.

Mr. Bassett served as Tonawanda's acting city judge from January 1926 to December 1926. He was a past president of the Tonawanda Board of Education.

He also was a past president of the United Community Fund and had been a director of the Tonawandas Red Cross Chapter and the Tonawandas planning Association.

A member of First Presbyterian Church, Mr. Bassett had served as an elder, trustee and member of its Board of Sessions.

He was a former director and secretary of the Town Club of the Tonawandas, a life member and a past master of Tonawanda Lodge 247, F&AM, senior active member of the Tonawandas Rotary Club, a member of the Tonawandas Chamber of Commerce and the Niagara Falls Country Club.

#### Tribute Paid

Mr. Bassett also was member of the Tonawandas, Erie County, Niagara County and New York State Bar Associations. The Tonawandas association paid tribute to him today in a special memorial meeting at 1 p.m. in Tonawanda City Court. President Robert K. Duerr presided.

A former director of the First Trust Co. in Tonawanda, Mr. Bassett was a member of the advisory board of the Tonawanda area offices of the Marine Trust Co. and its legal counsel. He also was director of the Abstract Title Division of the Title Guarantee Co.

Mr. Bassett is survived by his wife, Bonnie; a daughter, Miss June Bassett of New York City; a son, Douglas C. Bassett of Bristol, Tenn.; a brother, James W. Bassett and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Donahue, both of St. Petersburg, Fla., and three grandchildren. He was the father of the late George F. and Clark B. Bassett Jr.

Services will at 3:00 p.m. tomorrow in the Hammondsport.

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#### Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Francis Marion Bassett and son Louis S. Bassett

Francis Marion Bassett is descended from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth  
Joseph Bassett (b. 1635) and wife Mary Lapham  
William Bassett (b. 1667) and wife Sarah Sweetland  
William Bassett (b. 1694) and wife Mary Crossman  
William Bassett (b. 1726) and wife Lydia Fisher  
Jedidiah Bassett (b. 1751) and wife Elizabeth Chandler  
John Chandler Bassett (b. 1795) and wife Martha St. John  
Francis Marion Bassett (b. 1835) and wife Marcella Crandall



Francis Marion Bassett

Picture provided by great-grandson David W. Smith Jr.

Greenwood New York Times, June 10, 1917  
Francis M. Bassett

Francis M. Bassett was born in Independence, N. Y., Nov. 28th, 1835 and passed away at his home in this village, Friday night Nov. 23rd, from a complication of troubles. Several years ago he had a stroke of paralysis from which he never recovered. September 1862 he married Miss Marcella Crandall and to them were| born eight children, four of whom are living, Mrs. Geo. Bloss, Mrs. Park Rogers, and Mrs. Wm. Bines all of Andover, and one son, Louis S. Bassett, of Independence, also one sister, Mrs. Betsy Kingsbury of Rushford, N.Y.

In early life Mr. Bassett united with the Seventh-day Church at Independence and was a faithful, consistent member of that church to the time of his departure. The greater part of his life was spent on the farm at Independence until a few years ago he retired and moved to Andover. He served his country in the Civil War for three years and was a member of Seaman Post G.A.R.

He leaves to mourn his loss three daughters and one son,, several grandchildren and many relatives, neighbors and friends. Quiet and unassuming he lived the "simple life" but was always ready and willing to do his part. The funeral was held at the home on Pleasant Ave., Monday, at 11 a.m.; interment at Independence, Rev. V.L. Eggleston officiating.

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Section 4 - Featured Basset: P.T.B Basset and the Welsh National Pageant

Philip Thurstane Bruce Bassett descends from the Bassets of Beaupre as follows:

Sir Elias Basset of Wales  
John Basset (b. 1350) and wife Joan  
Thomas Basset (b. 1380) and wife Alice Marcross  
John Basset (b. 1410) and wife Gwenllian  
Jenkin Basset (b. 1445) and wife Jennet Philip  
William Basset (b. 1477) and wife Catherine Fleming  
William Basset (b. 1510) and wife Catherine Mansel  
Richard Basset (b. 1535) and wife Mary Bowen  
Edward Basset (b. 1566) and wife Catherine Carne  
William Basset (b. 1578) and wife Cecil Vaughan  
Sir Richard Basset (b. 1602) and wife Elizabeth Vann  
Sir Richard Basset (b. 1638) and wife Priscilla Jones  
Richard Basset (b. 1690) and wife Barbara Bainbrigge  
Henry Basset (b. 1710) and wife Catherine Bainbrigge  
Thomas Basset (b. 1756) and wife Elizabeth Cruikshanks  
Isabella Bassett (b. 1808) and husband William West James Bruce  
Philip Thurstan Bruce Bassett

Weekly Mail, 29 May 1909, Wales  
The Bassets of Beaupre  
To Figure Largely In the Pageant

A unique acquisition has been made by the Welsh National Pageant in the person of Mr. P.T.B. Basset, of Beaupre, who has promised to represent his ancestor, that other Basset of Beaupre, the sage Philip who is credited by many with having actually penned the Charter of British freedom, and who appeared with Llewelyn the Great when that Prince met the Lords Marcher of Wales after the signing of Magna Charta, seven hundred years ago. Not only will Mr. Basset represent the baron of the thirteenth century, but it has also been arranged that that feudal baron's lady will be represented by Mrs. Basset, and that the baron's sons and daughter will be represented by other scions of the Basset family of today. Though the rugged truculence of old Thurstan de Basset, who fought and robbed in the train of the Conqueror, has been eliminated from the family by the civilizing processes of time, the fighting spirit still remains, and Basset of Beaupre can still bring his sixty armed men on the field, if so commanded by the King. As exemplifying that fact in this wholly different and non-feudal age, it is of more than passing interest to learn that the thirty bowmen who will appear with Basset of Beaupre in the pageant next July will all be Basset men - men of Beaupre.

Mr. P.T.B. Basset is now residing at Llanblethian, Cowbridge, to which address he requests that all Bassets who desire to take part in the pageant will write to him this week, if possible.

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Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Sidney Charles Bassett Family Reunion, Baldwinsville, New York

I found the following family reunion article online. Sidney Charles Bassett descends 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  
Abel Bassett (b. 1728) and wife Miriam  
Lemuel Bassett and wife Patience Walter  
Erastus Bassett (b. 1780) and wife Sally  
Harvey Bassett (b. 1803) and wife Emily  
Andrew Jackson Bassett (b. 1825) and wife Sarah Hannah Stevens  
Sidney Charles Bassett (b. 1870) and wife Ada Lillian Blasier

Gazette & Farmers Journal, Baldwinsville, New York, Thursday, July 20,  
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Bassett Family Holds Reunion

The second annual reunion of the Bassett family was held June 29 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bassett of South Granby. Fifty-one members, representing four generations, included the 12 sons and daughter of Sidney Bassett and their respective families. Six other members were unable to attend.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bassett, Elaine, Loretta and Gene, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tobin, Sr., Edward and Frederick of Baldwinsville; Richard Tobin, Jr., and Buddy of Brookline, Mass.; Mrs. Clarence Gross, Milton, Edith and Marjorie of Clay; Mr. and Mrs. Russel Quick and Clairese of Erieville; Mrs. Ida Quick of Bloomsburg, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Wilco, Donald and Joyce Webb of Victory; Mrs. Stanley Austic, Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Sivalia and Sharon of Fulton; Mr. and Mrs. Alden Palmer of Syracuse.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Austic, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Victor Austic, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Donald Williamson, Judy and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Bassett and Danny, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bassett and Suzanne, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bassett, William Bassett and Sidney Bassett, all of Fulton, R.D.3.

After a bountiful picnic dinner a meeting was held and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Millard Bassett; secretary, Mrs. Alden Palmer; treasurer, Clayton Bassett; entertainment, Victor Austic, Sr., and Raymond Bassett, Sr.; hostesses, Mrs. Donald Williamson, Mrs. Andrew Bassett and Mrs. Stanley Austic.



Picture from the reunion provided by descendant Dan Bassett.

***Names for those pictured:***

**Front (Sitting):** Sidney Charles Bassett (Father);

**First Row (L to R):** Doris (Bassett) Wilcox, Marjorie (Bassett) Gross, Mildred (Bassett) Austic, Nina (Bassett) Tobin, Hazel (Bassett) Austic, and Harriet (Bassett) Palmer.

**Back Row (L to R):** Andrew Francis Bassett, Millard Lyle Bassett, Raymond Edward Bassett, Clayton Donald Bassett, William Henry Bassett, and Charles Sidney Bassett.

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## Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Joe Bassett and his Arizona Trial

Josiah Clark Bassett Jr. descends from #3B Thomas Bassett of Connecticut as follows:

Thomas Bassett (b. 1598) and wife Joanna Beardsley  
Thomas Bassett and wife Sarah Baldwin  
Josiah Bassett (b. 1690) and wife Alice Canfield  
Samuel Bassett (b. 1723) and Susannah Morris  
Samuel Bassett (b. 1756) and wife Jerusha Hotchkiss  
David Bassett (b. 1777) and wife Sophia  
Philander Vincent Bassett (b. 1809) and wife Sarah Ann Clark  
Josiah Clark Bassett (b. 1841) and wife Pernelia Eklund  
Josiah Clark Bassett Jr. (b. 1878)

Weekly Journal-Miner, Arizona, Wednesday Morning, December 30, 1914  
Bassett Bound Over: Goes To Jail  
(From Thursday's Daily)

Joe Bassett was bound over for trial to the superior court yesterday by Judge McLane and his bonds fixed at one thousand dollars, in default of which he is in the county jail.

Bassett was accused of having killed a calf belonging to the Chino Valley Land and Cattle Company, and arrested at Hackberry as he was evidently leaving the country. The crime was alleged to have been committed about Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, and Mrs. Bassett, the second wife of the accused, filed the complaint, after having left her husband.

Ed Stephens, cattle inspector, testified to finding the hide buried on the Bassett place in the Walnut creek country, and said that it bore the brand "K.M.", which is that of the Chino Valley Land and Cattle company. Himself and Deputy Sheriff Burgett went to that place with Mrs. Bassett after the complaint was filed and found the pelt buried under about two feet of soil. Mr. Stephens also testified that Bassett had admitted the killing to him since he was incarcerated in the county jail. His testimony was corroborated by that of Deputy Burgett and Under Sheriff Raible. County Attorney O'Sullivan also placed J.D. Brown, of Ash Fork, manager of the Chino Valley Land and Cattle Company, on the stand to prove the brand was that of his company, after which the State rested.

### Bassett Acknowledges Crime.

Bassett was the only witness for the defense, and he made what seemed to be a clean breast of the whole affair. He had subpoenaed E. J. Brown, of Ash Fork, to prove that Brown had given him permission to kill a beef belonging to the B.P. Company, but Mr. Brown was not sworn, the defense resting after Bassett had given his testimony. The story he told was to the effect that he killed the calf at a time when he was out of meat and practically destitute of food. Himself and wife whom he had married a few weeks previous to the killing were at home at the time, and she held the lantern while he skinned the animal and afterward helped eat the meat. When he killed the animal he said he thought it belonged to "Buster" (E.J.) Brown, whom he swore told him about a year previous that if he wanted to kill one from his herd any time to do so and hang the hide on his fence and he would get it. After he had shot the calf, however, he found that it was not one of the "B.P." cattle, and knew he was in bad, so buried the hide and said nothing about it. He said his wife told him it was wrong. His wife, according to his story, was disappointed with the place he took her to after the marriage, and complained that she could not stay there. Soon after the killing of the calf she said, according to the evidence of Bassett, "I will squeal on you and that is the way I will get a divorce." After this trouble with his wife, on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> he

brought her to town and returned home, packed up many of his belongs and started for Kingman, where he said he expected to stop and trap during the winter provided he did not hear of his wife making him trouble, admitting that he expected to go to Nevada if he suspected arrest. "I was in bad," he said, "and but if not I expected to spend the winter trapping in the Kirkland country and return here in the spring and pay up some of the debts of my brother." He said he wanted to tell the whole truth and let the matter rest on a square basis. Asked if he was drunk when he married his present wife, he replied that he was not, adding, "but I must have been crazy." He said his first wife was dead; that his present wife had three or four children in California whom she had given away. He also said that he had been following the business of trapping wild animals for a living most of the time for the past fifteen years since he came west from Illinois, and had filed on a homestead the place where he lived at the time of the trouble.

His evidence was a complete confession, tintured with regrets and long explanations, and left nothing else for the judge to do but hold the case for further investigation by a higher court.

Bassett left his team and wagon at Hackberry, where he was arrested.

Weekly Journal Miner, Arizona, Wednesday Morning, February 3, 1915  
Bassett Gets Liberty

Joe Bassett, convicted of grand larceny, was given a sentence of two years in the penitentiary yesterday, which was suspended, with the understanding that he was to report regularly to the sheriff during the period named.

Bassett killed and consumed a calf belonging to the Big Chino Land & Cattle Company. He made a complete confession in which were many mitigating circumstances which gained for him the leniency extended. His wife, who has left him, filed the information was a parting shot, after a few weeks of wedded life with Bassett in his cabin home in the Chino valley. Bassett is a trapper.

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#### Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Edwin P. Bassett & Sons Advertisement

Edwin Palmer Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth  
Joseph Bassett (b. 1635) and wife Mary Lapham  
William Bassett (b. 1667) and wife Sarah Sweetland  
William Bassett (b. 1694) and wife Mary Crossman  
William Bassett (b. 1726) and wife Lydia Fisher  
Isaac Bassett (b. 1755) and wife Mehitable Makepeace  
Joseph Palmer Bassett (b. 1795) and wife Elizabeth Smith  
Edwin Palmer Bassett (b. 1832) and wife Elizabeth Warner Barton

**Edwin P. Bassett & Sons,**  
 560 & 562 Broadway, N. Y.  
 FACTORY, FRANKLIN, MASS.

<p>ORIGINATORS          AND          MANUFACTURERS          OF THE  <b>CELEBRATED</b>  <b>ENGLISH</b>  <b>FELT HATS</b>          FOR          LADIES,          MISSES AND          CHILDREN.</p>	 <b>ENGLISH FELT.</b>	<p>DEALERS          HANDLING THIS          MAKE          WILL FIND THEY          GIVE PERFECT          SATISFACTION TO          THE          CONSUMER.          ———          THEY HOLD          THEIR SHAPE          AND          WEAR WELL.</p>
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ASK YOUR JOBBER FOR THIS  
 MAKE AND IF HE DOES NOT HAN-  
 DLE THEM, WRITE DIRECT TO US  
 AND THE NAMES OF JOBBERS IN  
 YOUR VICINITY WHO DO HANDLE  
 THEM, WILL BE SENT YOU.

Edwin P. Palmer & Sons ad for sale on e-bay

Newspaper and date unknown

News has been received of the death of Edwin P. Bassett, son of the late Dea. Joseph P. Bassett, who passed away at Ossining, N.Y., his country home, October 3d. He was born April 25th, 1832, on the Bassett homestead in the Rice Village district. After leaving school, he started on his life career as clerk in the Harding P. Woods store; later he went to Athol, clerking in the store of Bassett & Chickering. In a few years he took a position in the store of his brother-in-law, the late Mr. Emory Thayer, at Charleston, South Carolina, where he remained until the opening of the civil war, when he was compelled to leave for the North. He married Miss Lizzie Barton of Phillipston. Going to Brooklyn, N.Y., which has always been their home, he accepted a position as salesman in the wholesale straw goods store of Mr. Davis Thayer, of New York city. He afterward, with E. Snow, bought out the business and built a factory for the manufacturing of the goods at

Franklin. The Bassett, Snow Co. was of short duration. Mr. Snow going out of the firm, the two sons, Edwin B. and Joseph P., were taken in, and the firm was then known as Bassett & Sons. They carried on a successful business for many years. On account of declining health, Mr. Bassett has spent the last years of his life in his country home on the Hudson. He is survived by his widow, two sons, Edwin B. and Joseph P. Bassett, and a daughter, Mrs. Josephine Barlow, also a sister, Mrs. Mary Stone of Orange, and two brothers, Charles S. Bassett of Franklin, and Henry M. Bassett of this town.

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

The following family lines have been added since the last newsletter.

- 502B. James Bassett of Ireland and Albany County, New York
- 503B. Samuel Bassett of Ireland and Albany County, New York

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Section 9 - DNA project update.

Two new kits were ordered this month, one from a Bassett family from France.

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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