

Bassett Family Newsletter, Volume XIII, Issue 3, 22 March 2015

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Section 1 - Welcome

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

142B. Rees Bassett of Llannon, Carmarthen, Wales

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 family living in Utah will have a chance to attend.

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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Keith Walter Bassett of Las Vegas, Nevada

Keith Walter Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth  
William Bassett (b. 1624) and wife Mary Raynesford  
Nathan Bassett (b. 1667) and wife Mary Huckins  
William Bassett (b. 1702) and wife Anna Mayhew  
Fortunatus Bassett (b. 1742) and wife Sarah Bassett  
Corneliua Bassett (b. 1778) and wife Elizabeth Holland Sawyer  
James Lawrence Bassett (b. 1816) and wife Mary Jane Conrad  
Cornelius Fortunatus Bassett (b. 1842) and wife Marion F. Whitney  
Alba Loren Bassett (b. 1872) and wife Marie Augusta Ekman  
Walter A. Bassett (b. 1909) and wife Louella  
Keith Walter Bassett

Las Vegas Review-Journal (NV) - Tuesday, March 3, 2015  
Influential real estate broker Keith Bassett dies at 75

If you've ever bought pet food, office supplies or TVs in Las Vegas, Keith Bassett has probably touched your life.

As a commercial real estate broker, Bassett negotiated deals in the 1980s and '90s to bring to Southern Nevada some of the nation's

biggest retailers – PetSmart, Office Depot, Best Buy, Old Navy, Sports Authority and Target, among others.

Bassett, who colleagues say also helped bring professionalism to the brokerage industry during Las Vegas' boom years, died Saturday at his Las Vegas home. He was 75.

"Keith Bassett was my friend and colleague. He was a hardworking man who created the backbone of Las Vegas' real estate industry," said Las Vegas developer Irwin Molasky. "He brought office tenants and retailers into this community and managed their expectations – and mine – for 40 years."

Bassett, a South Dakota native, got his start in real estate in Minnesota in the 1960s, where he developed Rochester's first regional mall.

In the mid-1970s, Molasky, who developed The Boulevard Mall and Sunrise Hospital and gave 45 acres of land to launch UNLV, lured Bassett to Las Vegas to lease up the Bank of America Plaza Molasky was building downtown.

Through Realty Holdings Group, which he opened in 1975, Bassett leased and managed Molasky's developments. Beyond Bank of America Plaza, properties Bassett oversaw for Molasky included Best on the Boulevard shopping center on Maryland Parkway, the Best in the West shopping center on North Rainbow Boulevard, and downtown's Molasky Corporate Center.

But Bassett was just as influential for the commercial real estate industry he helped shape, colleagues said.

"Anyone who has been in commercial real estate here for a long time worked for Realty Holdings Group. That's where they got their education," said Rob Moore, senior managing director for the Las Vegas office of Faris Lee Investments and an associate of Bassett's since the mid-1970s. "For a lot of them, it contributed to their moral compass. We're sorely missing a guy who truly felt that integrity and character were more than a concept, and honesty was definitely more than an option."

Bassett sold Realty Holdings Group to Burnham Real Estate in 2004, and stayed on with Burnham.

He also stayed on as a senior director after Commerce Real Estate Solutions, a Cushman & Wakefield Alliance member, bought Burnham in 2007.

Bassett retired less than six months ago, after he developed vision problems due to a chronic illness.

"An awful lot of people who have had really good and successful careers got their start in Realty Holdings under Keith's teachings and tutelage," said Mike Dunn, Las Vegas market leader for Cushman & Wakefield|Commerce Real Estate Solutions. "Keith has huge handprints everywhere when it comes to mentoring or working with people. I couldn't even put a number on the people he's affected."

Matt Bear, a vice president at CBRE Las Vegas, recalled Bassett as "one of the first guys to try to organize a good (brokerage) company here."

"He brought a sense of professionalism. How he worked with me was probably how he worked with everybody: With kindness, and as an honest negotiator you looked forward to working with," Bear said.

Bassett is survived by his wife, Dianna; his ex-wife and the mother of his children, Bernadine; three daughters and one son; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services are scheduled for Friday at 1 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church, 4925 S. Torrey Pines Drive.

The family asks that donations be made in Bassett's memory to the Holy Spirit Catholic Church Building Fund or to Nathan Adelson Hospice.

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### Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Aboriginal Daughter, Alice Nannup, daughter of Tom Bassett of Roebourne

Alice Isobel (Bassett) Nannup descends from #376B Thomas Henry Bassett of England as follows:

Thomas Henry Bassett  
Thomas Lewis Bassett (b. 1828) and wife Mary Ann Munday  
Thomas Alfred Bassett (b. 1864)  
Alice Isobel Bassett

I did not previously have Thomas Alfred Bassett traced. Alice Isobel (Bassett) Nannup was his only child.

The following Book review is by Susette Bakker

#### **BOOK REVIEW**

##### When the Pelican Laughed

Authors Alice Nannup, Lauren Marsh, Stephen Kinnane

Fremantle Arts Centre Press, 1996

Alice Nannup was born to an aboriginal mother, Dot, and a white father, Thomas Bassett (1864-1935) at his Roebourne station, Western Australia, in 1911. At the age of 14 she was taken, along with other 'half-caste' children from Northern W.A, to the Mogumber Mission on the Moore River, near the town of Moora. Here she was given training in domestic tasks and was eventually sent to work on other stations and in 'white' houses. Alice married Will Nannup in 1932 and raised 10 children. She died in 1995 at Geraldton.

The book is in four parts, the first tells of a semi-nomadic, carefree youth who gradually comes to the understanding that 'Tommy', the station owner for whom her mother was housekeeper, was her caring but socially distant father. Part 2 is of her teenage years spent in care at the Mission. Northern 'coloured' children like her were deliberately sent south and the Southern children were sent to the north of the state so that they would be well away from the influence of their families. This time for Alice was one of emotional pain, constant hunger, overwork and tiredness. She was sent to work at various farms and houses where some owners treated her well but others treated her as just a servant. Rarely were real wages given. The third part is her life with Will, still working for others but happier and busy raising their ten children. Eventually she and Will separated and she moved to Geraldton. The last portion of the book involves stories of her life with her children and grandchildren, still working hard, but content.

It is a book of contrasts – the joy of family, the pain of separation, hope for the future and despair for the present. It is also a book that will challenge all who read it. In his will, Tom Bassett left Alice, his only child, 400 pounds, none of which she received, instead it went to the Aboriginal Services. It is a story of betrayal, dysfunctional care and, although the Aboriginal Services at the time believed they were doing the best for children who were south and the Southern children were sent to the north of the state so that they would be well away from the influence of their families. Yet it concludes with Alice's joy and firm belief in her family and their place in the world.

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#### [Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Family photo of William David Bassett and descendants](#)

William David Bassett descends from #1B John Bassett of Connecticut as follows:

John Bassett and wife Margery  
Robert Bassett  
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 wife Sally Atwell  
Lyman Bassett (b. 1792) and wife Orpha Parson  
William David Bassett (b. 1827) and Caroline Wheeler



Picture provided by Diane Tichenor. The note below was provided by her.

I believe that all pictured are probably the children (with spouses) and grandchildren of William David Bassett (1827 - 1899) and Caroline Antoinette Wheeler (1831 - 1911) [1b. John Bassett of Connecticut]

The date was identified by clothing, and known birth dates of Frank Myers Tichenor, Josephine Bassett Tichenor, and Helen Tichenor (b. 1891), their daughter. I believe this is a photo of the three Tichenors visiting Josephine's Bassett relatives. The man with a cane at front left in photo is probably one of Caroline's brothers, Clarence Wheeler Bassett, born 1857 or William Hopkins Bassett, b. 1863.

There are three rows of persons: the front row with 5 persons, the middle row with 6 persons, and the back row with 4 people.

Frank Myers Tichenor is in middle row, third from left with white mustache. His wife, Josephine Bassett Tichenor is sitting below and just to HIS left, with black hat and dark dress with white collar. Their daughter, Helen is sitting right in front of Josephine, in first row with black hat, white blouse and black skirt. The girl in pig tails is probably Elizabeth Bassett, born 1908, daughter of William Hopkins Bassett. I believe that the original photo belonged to her.

I would sure appreciate help identifying the other Bassett family members in this photo.

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Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Bassett and Prentice Dairy of Greenfield, Massachusetts

Frank Hallett Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth  
William Bassett (b. 1624) and wife Mary Raynesford  
William Bassett (b. 1656) and wife Rachel Willison'  
William Bassett (b. 1681) and wife Abigail Bourne  
Captain Elisha Bassett (b. 1714) and wife Ruhamah Jennings  
Lot Bassett (b. 1755) and wife Deborah Howes  
Thomas Bassett (b. 1789) and wife Fanny Sears  
William Bassett (b. 1822) and wife Antoinette A. Joy  
Rollin Bassett (b. 1855) and wife Emma L. Howard  
Frank Hallett Bassett (b. 1889) and wife Ethel May Chapman

Bassett and Prentice Dairy was run by Frank Hallet Bassett and Paul E. Prentice of Greenfield, Massachusetts. They were married to sisters Ethel M. and Lena A. Chapman. I have so far found no living descendants of this family. I have also found very little information on the company.



Bassett and Prentice Dairy Items for sale on e-bay.

Springfield Republican, September 25, 1944

Miss Barbara Bassett Weds John F. Greene

Greenfield, Sept. 24 - The marriage of Miss Barbara E. Bassett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Bassett of 64 Elm street, took place yesterday afternoon in the garden at the bride's home. Rev. G. Albert Higgins performed the double-ring service.

Attending the couple were Miss Janet L. Chapman, cousin of the bride, and Pvt. James M. Greene, Jr., the groom's brother, while Miss Beverly Parrott was flower girl. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The couple will return from a wedding trip on October 10 to make their home at 210 Elm street. The bride, a graduate of American International college, is employed at the Greenfield public library. The groom was graduated from Greenfield high school in 1933 and is employed by Bassett & Prentice.

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Section 6 - Featured Bassett: David Bassett of Pontypridd, Wales Mine Accident

David Bassett descends from #370B William Bassett as follows:

William Bassett  
David Bassett (b. 1834) of Pontypridd

Cardiff Times, 9 Sep 1893  
Shocking Accident at Pontypridd  
One Man Killed and Four Men Injured

About 1 p.m. on Thursday a shocking accident occurred on the rubbish tip opposite the Great Western Colliery, Pontypridd, where one man was accidentally killed and four others were seriously injured. It appears that six trams of rubbish were being drawn up the incline by the rubbish tip on the mountain side of the Barry Railway, the motive power being furnished by a hauling engine on the top. When the trams were half-way up the hitching plate on the second tram gave way, with the result that those behind ran wildly down the incline, through an arch 50 or 60 feet long, below the Barry Railway. In this arch at the time several men were employed repairing and clearing the road. The poor fellows had no warning of the accident, and the trams dashed headlong into their midst, sweeping them aside in all directions. AN old man named David Bassett was killed on the spot. He is a married man, 60 years of age, with ten children, and lived at Gysgifetlion

road, Hopkinstown, were his body was at once removed. A man, 45 years of age, named Henry Thomas - known as Penlan - was terribly injured about the head and legs, and he is not expected to recover. He has been removed to his home at Treforest. His son John is also among the injured. John Price, of 22 Gysgifelon road, Hopkinstown, a married man, sustained injuries about the head, one of his ears being cut almost clean off. His condition is very precarious. The other injured man is George Lockyer, of 39, Rickard street, Treforest, and is 60 years of age. The injured men are being attended upon by the Dr. Leckie, Pontypridd, and his assistant Dr. Crayshorn.

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### Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Bassett Family Reunion held in New Zealand



### **Bassett Family Gathering/Jubilee**

On 7 February 2015 seventy-nine descendants of William and Mary Bassett gathered at the Angus Inn in Lower Hutt, Wellington, New Zealand to celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their arrival on Petone Beach, Lower Hutt on 8 February 1840. And to pay homage to two people who, two months after marrying in August 1839 sailed from Plymouth, Cornwall to New Zealand on the barque the "Duke of Roxburgh". William and Mary's first accommodation in their new home was a tent. In short order they were to flooding, fire and earthquake.

William and Mary arrived two days after the Treaty of Waitangi was signed. The Treaty was first signed on 6 February 1840 by representatives of the British Crown and various Māori chiefs from the North Island of



New Zealand. It established a British Governor of New Zealand, recognised Māori ownership of their lands and gave them the rights of British subjects.

The Jubilee commenced with an informal dinner for the forty "out of towners" on the evening of Waitangi Day. The following day, there was a photo session, a speech by author David McGill, an opportunity to check and update the genealogy on scrolls that had been prepared for the purpose and to check the results of Bassett Y-DNA tests carried out through the Bassett Family Association DNA Project, and meeting new family members. The formal part of the Jubilee concluded with a Buffet Dinner and presentation to the organiser.

On Waitangi Day, 6 February, and on Sunday 8 February a number of town family members took the opportunity to visit the Bridge Street Cemetery, Lower Hutt where William and Mary were buried; Emerson Street (Cornish Row) where they settled until 25 May 1840 when their hut and the huts of the other Cornish settlers were burnt down; Riddler's Crescent (then the Hutt Road) where William and Mary had lived (now a Powerco site); and the Settlers' Museum on Petone Beach

Mary and William brought Mary's daughter Emma Jane Rooks from a previous marriage with them and Mary gave birth to their first child, Thomas about three weeks before arrival in New Zealand. They had nine more children: 3 sons and six daughters, all of whom grew to adulthood.

Of their eleven children, nine had children of their own. Their first child to die, John, was shot as a young man while out hunting with a friend. A daughter, Ruth SAWARD, adopted a baby girl. Of the other nine who had children of their own seven were represented at the Jubilee.

Descendants of William and Mary include the children of Emma Jane ROOKS and her two husbands, Edward HUMPHREY and JOSE LEAL Silva De SIMAS; Thomas BASSETT and Sarah Jessica HUDSON; Elizabeth BASSETT and Joseph GIGGER; William BASSETT and Mary Ann VOLLER/MARSH; Francis BASSETT and Sarah MAIDMENT/PARKIN; Annie BASSETT and her two husbands William BASSETT and William WOOD; Naomi BASSETT and her three husbands William Eden JUDD, Richard PERRY and William LAWRY; Martha BASSETT and John WRIGHT; Mary BASSETT and George CHIGNELL. About 1800 descendants have been identified by name although there may be twice that number. Some have moved to Australia and one of Thomas BASSETT'S daughters, Mary Jessica (Jessie) and her husband Niels Madsen CHRISTENSEN moved to the United States in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

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

The following family lines have been combined/eliminated since the last newsletter.

- 142B. Herbert Charles Bassett combined into the #26B Joseph Bassett of Perth, Australia.
- 198B. Thomas Bassett of Wadhurst into the #199B Bassetts of Rotherfield, Sussex, England.

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

- 142B. Rees Bassett of Carmarthenshire, Wales
- 198B. Vincenzi Bassetti of Italy and Washington
- 504B. Oscar Robert Lee Bassett of Missouri
- 505B. Aden Bassett of Huerfano County, Colorado

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

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.familytreedna.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.familytreedna.com/public/Bassett/>

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