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Section 1 - Welcome

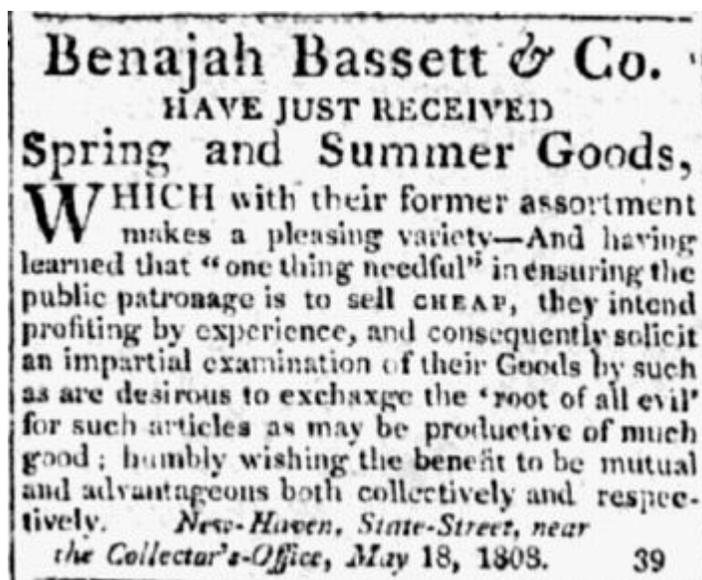
No new trees added to the website this month.

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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Benajah Bassett, Merchant of Connecticut & Alabama

Benajah Bassett descends from #6B William Bassett of Connecticut as follows:

William Bassett and wife Hannah (Dickerman) Ives
Samuel Bassett (b. 1654) and wife Mary Dickerman
Samuel Bassett (b. 1676) and wife Elizabeth Humiston
Samuel Bassett (b. 1728) and wife Abigail Bradley
Samuel Bassett (b. 1752) and wife Katherine Tuttle
Benajah Bassett (b. 1777)



Dissolution.

THE Co-partnership heretofore existing under the firm of **BASSETT & PECK**, was, by agreement, dissolved January 10th, 1815.

**EBENEZER PECK,
BENAJAH BASSETT.**

All book debts, contracted previous to January 10th, 1815, must be settled immediately; and all demands must be paid previous to the 1st of March next.

The business will be continued in future by the subscribers, under the firm of **E. & J. PECK.**

**EBENEZER PECK.
JAMES PECK.**

New-Haven, Feb. 6, 1815. 89

Connecticut Herald, Tuesday, February 21, 1815

For New-York,



The schr. **ENTERPRIZE**, capt. **LINES**; having her cargo engaged will sail on the 10th June. For passage only, having good accommodations; apply in Blakeley to **BENAJAH BASSETT**, or at Mobile, to **Edward Burroughs.**

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Mobile Gazette and Commercial Advertiser, Thursday, June 16, 1820

New York Gazette, New York, New York, Wednesday, July 19, 1820
Died

On his passage from Mobile for this port, on board the schooner Enterprise, Mr. Benajah Bassett, merchant, late of this city.

Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Death of Rupert George Bassett of Australia

Rupert George Bassett descends from #234B Richard Bassett of Cornwall as follows:

Richard Bassett (b. 1767) and wife Jane Harris
William Bassett (b. 1801) and wife Elizabeth Vosper
William Bassett (b. 1833) and wife Johanna Louise Emily Klaucke
Rupert George Bassett (b. 1871) and wife Antonia Emma Sholz



LATE MR. R. G. BASSETT.

Adelaide Observer, Saturday, 29 Mar 1924
Mr. Rupert G. Bassett

Mr. Rupert G. Bassett, who died recently, was born at Bassett Town, Gawler, in 1871. His father, Mr. William Bassett, was a Cornishman, and was one of the pioneers of the Gawler district. The deceased was employed at Hoover's Furnishing Arcade in the northern town for 16 years, for a decade with Dalgety and Company, Limited, as a commercial traveler, and for three years with Messrs. James Robin & Co., Adelaide, and for the past three years he was city representative for B. Seppelt & Son, Limited. He was married to Miss Antonia E. Scholz at Nuriootpa in 1893, and of their family of six children one son (Mr. Rupert H. Bassett) and two daughters survive. Messrs. Fred Bassett (Rose Park) and William Bassett (Gawler) are brothers of the deceased, who was a keen floriculturist, and who, in his younger days, was interested in amateur theatrical work.

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Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Two children of Harry Kendall Bassett

Kendall Townsend Bassett and Jeanne Bassett descend from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

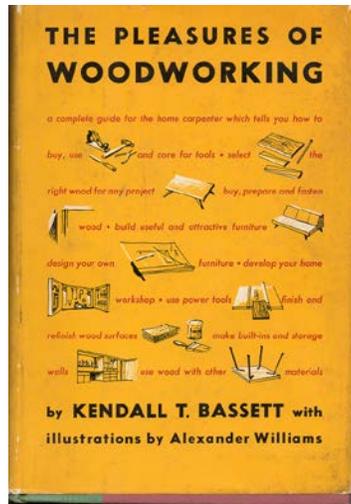
William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
William Bassett (b. 1624) and wife Mary Rainsford
William Bassett (b. 1656) and wife Rachel Williston
Nathan Bassett (b. 1685) and wife Mary Stetson
Joshua Bassett (b. 1723) and wife Martha McCarroll
Joshua Bassett (b. 1757) and wife Lydia Lawrence
Abiram Lawrence Bassett (b. 1803) and wife Hannah Kinney
Edward Bassett (b. 1838) and wife Martha Chase
Harry Kendall Bassett (b. 1878) and Hester Adeline Brown
Kendall Townsend Bassett (b. 1905) and sister Jeanne Bassett (b. 1912)

Book and picture provided by Kendall Harry Bassett of Tacoma, Washington.



Edward Bassett & family circa 1893.

Back row left to right: Edward J. Symonds, Daisy Bassett Symonds, Harry K. Bassett, Edward G. Bassett, Nellie Bassett. Front row left to right Marie Latshaw, Joseph Latshaw, May Bassett Latshaw, Edward Bassett, Mrs. Martha Chase Bassett.



Book by Kendall T. Bassett (1954)

Hamilton Journal-News, March 10, 2010

Jeanne Bassett

BASSETT, Jeanne 97, of Oxford, died peacefully Sunday morning, March 7, 2010. Born December 16, 1912, in Madison, Wisconsin, daughter of Harry Kendall Bassett and Hester Adeline Brown Bassett, she was the youngest of four children. The family moved to Berkley, California, when Jeanne was one year old, where her father worked on the Panama-Pacific Exposition. When her father died of appendicitis when she was four, the family moved to Antigo, Wisconsin, where Jeanne spent her elementary school years. In 1924, the family moved to Yellow Springs, Ohio, where Jeanne graduated from Bryan High School in 1930. She participated in many activities and sports, earning a spot on the all-county basketball 1st team as center/forward. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree from Antioch College in 1936. She was employed at Orchard School in Indianapolis from 1936-1937, and subsequently as executive secretary at a club for working girls while working toward a graduate degree at Smith College in Massachusetts. In 1940, she accepted a position teaching outdoor education at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Subsequently, she taught all women's physical education classes. She received her Master's degree from Miami, with concentration in Physical Education and Outdoor Education. She was the director of the nature program at the Women's Recreation Association (WRA) cabin, was greatly admired by her students, and continued to maintain close contact with many of them long after their college days were past. She was a pioneer in the camping field, was adept in identifying birds and wildflowers, and was far ahead of her time in understanding ecology and caring for the environment. She retired from Miami in 1975 as an associate professor. A scholarship in her name was created in 1996 to be awarded to a student with a major interest in outdoor education. Jeanne was a swimmer, and logged hundreds of miles over the years, in Miami's various pools, and in Torch Lake, Michigan. In the summers, she served as counselor at girls' camps: The Joy Camps in Hazelhurst, Wisconsin, and Four-Way Lodge on Torch Lake, Michigan. She subsequently bought lakefront property on Torch Lake, and built a summer home on that site. She has spent every summer there since. In

the summer of 2008, she was awarded the Legacy Shoreline Award for the view of her property from the lake. Jeanne was a season ticket holder for Miami's football & basketball games, Miami and OxACT theatre productions, and the Fine Arts series. Two years ago, she was recognized for having attended every home basketball game in Miami since 1941, unless illness prevented it. In 1991, she was awarded Oxford's "Citizen of the Years", for her many activities, service to town & university, and providing transportation to many events for people unable to drive. Until her mid-80's, she could be seen regularly riding her motorized scooter around Oxford. She was a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Oxford and St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Elk Rapids, Michigan, the McCullough-Hyde Hospital Auxiliary, serving 724 hours as a volunteer from the opening of the hospital. She delivered Meals on Wheels for many years, and read to the residents of Oxford View Nursing Home. She belonged to the American Camping Association, and has served on committees and volunteer positions in many organizations. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Kendall & Phil and sister, Hester, and their spouses. She leaves many nieces, nephews, and their families, and many friends, and her Oxford family, Bill and Nora Ellen Bowers. A memorial service will be held at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Sunday, March 28 at 2:00 p.m. Her cremated remains will be buried in the family plot in Appleton, Wisconsin. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Jeanne Bassett Scholarship for Outdoor Education, c/o Miami University Advancement, Attn: Gifts & Data Management, 725 E. Chestnut St., Oxford, OH 45056, or to a charity of the giver's choice. Smith & Ogle Funeral Home, Oxford, OH in charge of arrangements.

Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Bassett Mixing Bowl

I am trying to identify the artist who made the following bowl. It is currently for sale on ebay and is located in Oregon. If you know which artist this belongs to, please let me know.



Bassett Mixing Bowl for sale on ebay.

Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Mark Mitchell Bassett of Illinois

Mark Mitchell Bassett descends from #2B Thomas Bassett of Virginia as follows:

Thomas Bassett (b. 1617) and wife Mary
William Bassett (b. 1643) and wife
Thomas Bassett (b. 1668) and wife Elinor
Thomas Bassett (b. 1696) and wife Lydia Howle
Nathaniel Bassett (b. 1721) and wife Mary
Abner Bassett (b. 1765) and wife Susannah Harbard
Thomas Bassett (b. 1801) and wife Abigail Carlock
Mark Mitchell Bassett (b. 1827)



Mark Bassett

Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of Peoria County, 1902

Mark Mitchell Bassett was born in Schuyler County, Illinois, March 27, 1837, a period of stress and hardship for early settlers in Illinois. For years prior to that date there was a dearth in his family of everything but labor for the necessaries of life. Beyond the fact that his father's people were Kentuckians, but little is known of his paternal ancestry. His earliest remembrance is of a widowed mother, who, with "little Mark," shared the home and meager fare afforded by some relative for such return as could be rendered by a delicate woman crippled by rheumatism - chiefly knitting. Thus his childhood was spent, at times a nearby school-house affording a few weeks "schooling," where lessons were learned from Webster's Spelling book. An only sister, ten years his senior, having married when Mark was about seven years old, shared her home in Fulton County with her mother and brother almost continuously so long as the mother lived. Under the direction of a thrifty farmer, he assisted in reclaiming many acres from the hand of Nature, and thus acquired habits of industry, energy and perseverance which- based upon an inheritance of strict honesty and integrity, the ruling characteristics of the Carlocks of Virginia, from whom the maternal side of his house was descended-made strong the foundations on which his after-life was reared. In such hard but wholesome experience as clearing and tilling the soil, and rafting logs to the St. Louis market, were gained that tenacity of purpose and those powers of endurance which served him so well in after years.

In August, 1857, Mr. Bassett was induced to leave the plough, and, with a partner—but with no other capital than an intent to be honest—to engage in the management of a store, which was operated successfully until he bought his partner's interest. Later he conducted the concern alone and profitably, doing a considerable business in grain and stock, besides managing the farm, until December, 1861, when he enlisted in the war for the preservation of the Union, and was assigned to Company E, Fifty-third Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry. The story of heroic endeavor and endurance which followed is gathered, not alone from Captain Bassett's memory, but from the diaries of comrades-in-battle, comrades-in-prison and comrades-in-escape, and from the most tragic pages in our national history, as also from the letters of Union men in North Carolina and East Tennessee who afforded them shelter, a hiding-place, food, clothing and a guide to the next point of safety nearer the Union lines. The record of the Fifty-third is only partly told in the battles of Shiloh and Corinth, and Hatchie (where Lieutenant Bassett was ordered to take the insignia of rank from the lifeless body of his superior officer, First Lieut. Armand Pollisard, of Kankakee) ; in the siege of Vicksburg and the battle of Jackson, Mississippi, of July 12, 1863, in which last engagement, in a charge by his brigade upon the rebel breastworks, orders ignorantly given but faithfully obeyed, sent many a gallant soldier needlessly to his death, and hundreds of others into the hands of the enemy as prisoners -- among the last being Lieutenant Bassett who was leading his company in the fearful onslaught, thus winning the commission as Captain which was issued while he was a prisoner. Capt. John D. Hatfield, of Company H, now living at Neligh, Nebraska, was Captain Bassett's close companion in the long months of imprisonment in Libby Prison which followed, and his fellow-toiler in digging the famous tunnel by which, with 107 other prisoners, they succeeded in escaping on the night of February 9, 1864. Having been recaptured on the fourth night out when near the Union lines on the Pamunkey River, Captain Bassett was thrust into an underground dungeon and kept on bread and water—if a composition of corn, cobs and husks ground together could be called "bread." After the battle of the Wilderness, through fear of the capture of Richmond by Grant's army, came the removal of the prisoners from Libby; first to Danville, Virginia; next to Macon, Georgia—where another unsuccessful attempt was made to escape; then to Charleston, and finally to Columbia, South Carolina. Here they were held in an open camp called "Camp Sorghum"—but no sweeter as a home on account of its name. On the night of November 10, 1864, just before the completion of a stockade around the camp, a squad of nine made a third attempt at escape by running the guard. After being out thirteen nights, the blood-hounds with which the Confederates were pursuing them got on their track, when the fugitives separated into groups of four, three and two. The four having soon been overtaken, were shot where they surrendered ; the two were recaptured and taken back to their prison-pen, while the three—consisting of Capt. A. S. Stuart, now of Osceola, Missouri; Lieutenant Tom Payne Young, since deceased, and Capt. Mark Bassett—set their faces towards the west and north and, after wandering fifty-two days and nights among the mountains of the Blue Ridge, reached the Union lines at Sweet Water, Tennessee, and Knoxville on January 1, 1865. They were not alone, having been joined in the mountains by other escaping prisoners, Union men who had deserted the rebel ranks and others who had become separated from their commands. The picture of that ragged group of twelve, taken at Knoxville on that Happy New Year's Day, is one of the cherished relics of a historic past, which the Captain could not be induced to part

with. The appearance of the same picture on page 130 of Vol. Ill, of "Lossing's History of The Civil War," as a group of "Union Refuges," illustrates the errors which sometimes creep into "history." Another relic highly prized by the Captain is a lithograph of a highly embellished chart containing the names and rank of all the prisoners in Libby at the time, the original having been prepared with pen and ink by Capt. B. F. Fischer, of Cincinnati. It would be difficult to conceive anything more thrilling than the reminiscences related by these heroic comrades of their experiences of prison-life, and their terrible suffering in mind and body while attempting to make their escape. These eighteen months of hardship and peril left Captain Bassett physically unfitted for a return to duty; so, at the expiration of his leave of absence, on the order of the Secretary of War he repaired to Camp Blair, at Jackson, Michigan, where he received his discharge, April 12, 1865, three days after the surrender of Lee at Appomattox. Having spent a year and a half on his farm and in buying and selling grain, he engaged in the study of law with Capt. A. W. Bull, at Pekin, Illinois, (under whom he enlisted), later with Hon. B. S. Prettyman, and, within the next two years, in the face of many difficulties and meager educational advantages, he was admitted to the bar, thus realizing his early ambition to become a lawyer. In 1872 Captain Bassett moved to Peoria and has at different times been associated with some of the leading lawyers of this city. As a Republican he was elected to the lower branch of the General Assembly in 1884; four years afterwards was advanced to the State Senate, and, in 1898, was elected Probate Judge of Peoria County, which office he still holds discharging its duties honestly, faithfully and acceptably. Judge Bassett's family—though there are now none left to bear his name—includes all deserving young people of his acquaintance in whom he takes a practical interest, which is shared by his wife. Although not identified with any church organization, his "religion is of the life, and the life of his religion is to do good."



Picture of Mark Mitchell Bassett from Find-a-grave

Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Major Francis Marshall Bassett of Leighton Buzzard, England

Francis Marshall Bassett descends from #18B. Daniel Bassett of Northampton, England as follows:

Daniel Bassett
Peter Bassett (b. 1745) and wife Ann Dollin
John Dollin Bassett (b. 1786) and wife Mary Theobald
Francis Bassett (b. 1820) and wife Ellen Harris
Frederick Bassett (b. 1848) and wife Elizabeth
Francis Marshall Bassett (b. 1873) and wife Violet Alice Germon



F. M. Bassett (Leighton Buzzard)
Mounted Officers, 2nd Bn. Bedfordshire Regiment.

Francis Marshall Bassett was seriously wounded in fighting near Ypres.

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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.

507B. Samuel Bassett of Devonshire, England

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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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