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Section 1 - Welcome

Sorry for the newsletter being late this month. My travel for work continues. I will be in North Haven, Connecticut this next week followed by three trips to Waco, Texas in August.

I was watching a Women's World Cup Soccer Game a few weeks ago and playing for England is a Laura Bassett, born 2 Aug 1983 in Nuneaton, England. Does anyone know which family she belongs to?

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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Hiram Bassett of Orange, Massachusetts

Hiram 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
Samuel Bassett (b. 1754) and wife Martha Belding
Massa Bassett (b. 1783) and wife Catherine Kingsbury
Hiram Bassett (b. 1822) and wife Mary Maria Smart

Boston Herald, Wednesday, July 29, 1896
She Gets \$20,000 Alimony
Wife of Hiram Bassett of Orange Granted a Divorce

GREENFIELD, July 28, 1896, Judge Gaskill today adjourned the July term of the superior court.

In the divorce case of Mary M. Bassett of New Salem against Hiram Bassett of Orange, the testimony showed that Mary M. Bassett and Hiram Bassett were married at Searsport, Me., Oct. 10, 1846. They have lived in Worcester, New Salem and other places. It was set forth that the husband deserted his wife in New Salem in 1888.

The testimony also showed that libellant, by general reports, was worth from \$40,000 to \$70,000. Mrs. Bassett was given a divorce and alimony of \$20,000.

Mr. Bassett is reported to be almost a miser. He has said the he can live on 20 cents a day.

Springfield Republican, Massachusetts, Tuesday, April 29, 1902
Hiram Bassett

Hiram Bassett, 80, died Sunday night after a brief illness. Mr. Bassett was an eccentric man and his idea of living was peculiar. He was worth a large sum of money, yet he was unusually economical in his living. He paid his wife \$20,000 for separate support several years ago. At one time he owned 2000 acres of valuable timber land in New Salem, which he afterward sold to F.H. West of this city. At the time of his death he owned half a dozen houses in Orange and several valuable building lots. Personally Mr. Bassett was a social, pleasant man to do business with. His word was as good as his bond. He leaves three sons.

Section 3 - Featured Bassett: John Davenport Bassett Family Photograph

John Davenport Bassett descends from #19B Michael Bassett of New York as follows:

Michael Bassett (m. 1693) and wife Helen Van Alst
Michael Bassett (b. 1705) and wife Lysbeth Schermerhorn
Michael Bassett (b. 1741) and wife Maria Van Vranken
Nicholas Bassett (b. 1787) and wife Maria Shafer
John Davenport Bassett (b. 1814) and wife Amanda M. Marshall

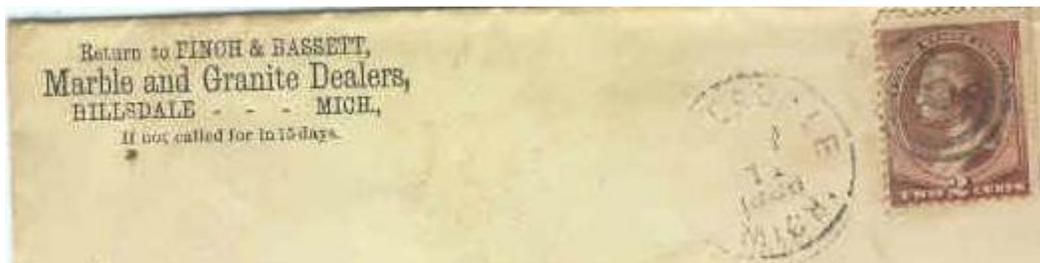


Picture from ancestry.com

John Davenport Bassett with children from both marriages. His first wife was Amanda M. Marshall and they had 9 children from 1840 to 1859, she died and he married Margaret Mary A. Brown who had 5 children from her previous marriage.

Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Finch & Bassett, Marble Dealers from Hillsdale, Michigan

I found the following for sale on ebay. It is dated 1886. The only Bassett that I can find that may have lived in Hillsdale, Michigan at the time was Judson Lewis Bassett but I have no record of him being a marble and granite dealer. The Finch listed is Charles E. Finch. If you know more about this company, please contact him.



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Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Mayhew-Bassett Family Bible

Benjamin Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

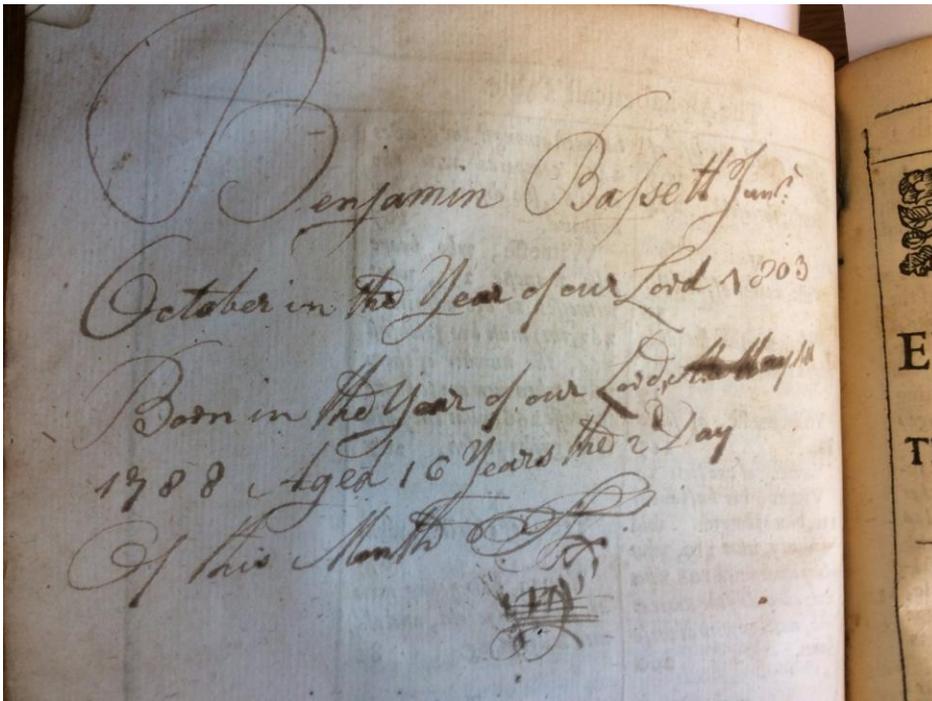
William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
William Bassett (b. 1624) and wife Mary Raynesford
Nathan Bassett (b. 1667) and wife Mary Huckins
John Bassett (b. 1706) and wife Jane Mayhew
Benjamin Bassett (b. 1752) and wife Abigail Nickerson

Shiwei Jiang of Virginia sent the images from a Mayhew-Bassett family bible in his possession.

It was originally owned by Gov. Thomas Mayhew. In the 1700's it was passed to Jane (Mayhew) Bassett, wife of John Bassett It was then passed down to their son Benjamin Bassett.



The fading notes at the bottom of one page reads: "Abner Mayhew his book. Given to him by Benjamin Basset, Esq., August 1814, five days before set out for Ohio."



Benjamin Bassett Junior: October in the Year of our Lord 1803. Born in the year of our Lord 1788. Aged 16 years the 2 day of this Month.

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Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Samuel Bassett, sailmaker from Boston

Samuel Bassett descends from #4B William Bassett of Lynn, Massachusetts as follows:

Roger Bassett and wife Ann Holland
William Bassett of Lynn (b. 1624) and wife Sarah Burt
William Bassett (b. 1647) and wife Sarah Hood
John Bassett (b. 1682) and wife Abigail Berry
Zephaniah Bassett and wife Mary
Edward Bassett (b. 1742) and wife Huldah Cleverly
Samuel Bassett (b. 1775) and wife Elizabeth Scott
Samuel Bassett (bl. 1804) and wife Julia Ann Burnap



SAMUEL BASSETT.

One of a Thousand: A Series of Biographical Sketches
By John Clark Rand
Samuel Bassett

Samuel Bassett, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Scott) Bassett, was born in Boston, in November 1804.

He was educated in the Boston public schools; learned the trade of sail-maker, which vocation he afterwards followed on his own account, and as one of the firm of Bassett & Thayer.

Mr. Bassett was married in Westborough, in 1830, to Julia Ann, daughter of Elijah and Hannah Burnap. Of this union were five children: Celadon, Julia A., Clarissa, William S. and Samuel B. Bassett.

Mr. Bassett removed to Chelsea in 1838, where he has ever since resided. He was elected town clerk in 1849, and was annually re-elected til 1857, when the city was organized, and he was elected city clerk, continuing to hold this office till 1884, when he declined re-election. He was also chosen city treasurer and collector, serving until 1875, when he declined further service in that capacity. Seldom has a public officer held such positions for so many years, or been so much beloved. His face had so long been a familiar one at the City Hall that it seemed an indispensable feature, and the people and the city government would gladly have continued him in some office connected with city business, had he not modestly but resolutely insisted that younger men should now assume the burdens he had so conscientiously and faithfully borne. His election to the various offices had always been without opposition, and he was often significantly designated as the "unanimous S.B.". He was a father to the orphan and a counselor and friend to the widow. Every mayor and member of the city government during his long term of office-holding had reason to be grateful to him for information furnished and for kindly and thoughtful suggestions.

During the civil war he was an active friend of the soldier and his family. In every position he was a trusted public servant. During ten years he was one of the assessors, and thus became familiar with the value of property, as well as boundaries and titles.

He was the first treasurer of the Chelsea Savings Bank, elected in 1854, serving until his declination in July, 1874, and for many years was one of the trustees. He was an active member and executive officer of the "Ornamental Tree Society", which has added so much to the beauty of Chelsea's streets.

This tribute is inserted here, without the knowledge of Mr. Bassett, as his fellow citizens feel that it is his due that he should appear in, as he has most emphatically been, "ONE OF A THOUSAND."

Section 7 - Featured Bassett: John Bassett of New Jersey obituary

I have been unable to identify this John Bassett. If you have idea of which family he belongs to, please contact me.

Charleston Courier, South Carolina, Tuesday, November 13, 1827

At Natchez, 7th ult. Mr. John Bassett, Printer, a native of Morristown, (N.J.) His life, though short, was an eventful one - in the wilds of Texas, death often stared him in the face. In one instance, he was captured by the Spaniards and Indians, and condemned to death - but by a bold disregard of death, he awed the savages into dread, and he was released, though several of his companions were shot, among them his intimate friend, John D. Hunter, the celebrated Indian historian. He was one of the leaders of the Texas revolution.

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

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

448B. Hiram Bassett of Adams, Massachusetts has been combined into the #6B William Bassett of CT family.

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

509B. Isaac Bassett of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Section 9 - DNA project update.

Two new results are back which I will include in next month's newsletter. One new kit was ordered for a line not yet represented in the 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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