

Bassett Family Newsletter, Volume XIV, Issue 1, 24 Jan 2016

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Section 1 - Welcome

Find My Past is offering a free weekend January 23rd and 24th. If you get a chance, spend a few minutes searching through their database for free. Of special interest to me is the section for searching newspapers and periodicals. It includes access to millions of pages of newspapers from the United States, Great Britain and Ireland. I have found several interesting articles that may be featured in upcoming months.

The link is <http://www.findmypast.co.uk/>

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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Birth Hannah Marie Jacks

Hannah Marie Jacks descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
William Bassett and wife Mary Rainsford
William Bassett and wife Rachel Willison
William Bassett and wife Abigail Bourne
William Bassett and wife Lydia Smith
Rufus Bassett and wife Jedidah Handy
Nymphas Bassett and wife Thankful Ann Bruce
Oliver C. Bassett and wife Elizabeth Monroney
Marshall Bassett and wife Senorah J. Israel
Ernest Bassett and wife Grace Lee Bass
Ralph J. Bassett and wife Elizabeth Almeta Brickley
Roger Wayne Bassett
Jeffrey Neil Bassett (newsletter author)
Elizabeth Abigail (Bassett) Jacks
Hannah Marie Jacks



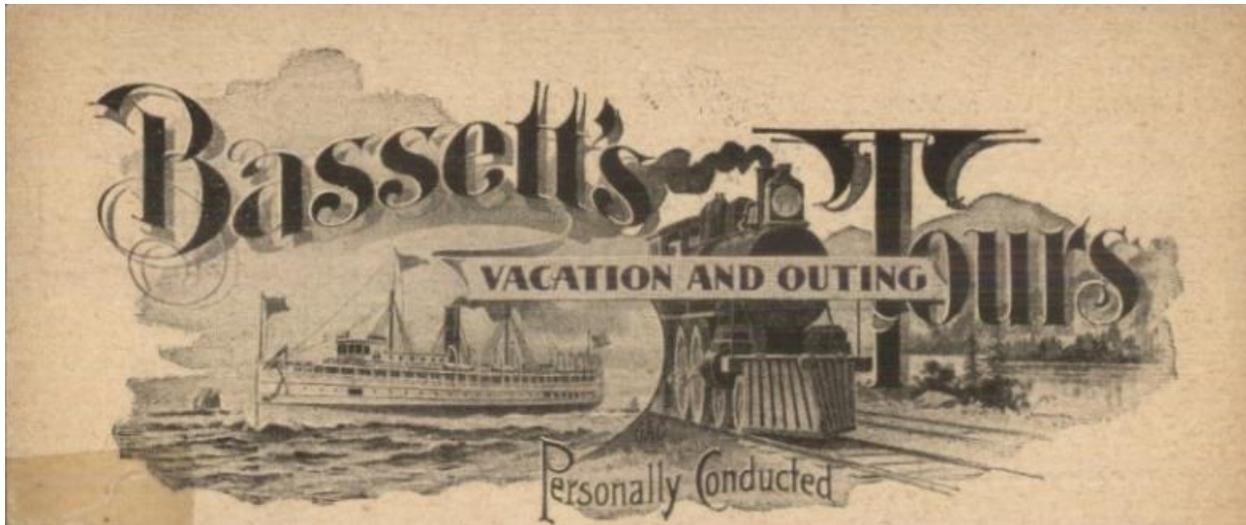
This month we are celebrating the birth of my first granddaughter, Hannah Marie Jacks. She was born January 13, 2016. This is a picture of her coming home from the hospital aged 2 days.

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[Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Bassett's Tours Postcard, Haverhill, Massachusetts](#)

Seth Chase Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
Joseph Bassett (b. 1635) and wife Martha Hobart
Jeremiah Bassett (b. 1678) and wife Mary Felch
Joseph Bassett (b. 1726) and wife Judith Leonard
James Bassett (b. 1768) and wife Anna (Walker) Durgin
Joseph Bassett (b.1791) and wife Sally Smith
Allanson Crossman Bassett (b. 1818) and wife Judith J. Hutchins
Seth Chase Bassett (b. 1851)



Bassett's Tours, Haverhill, Massachusetts Post Card for sale on e-bay

This family was first featured in the May 2010 newsletter. The link to that newsletter is below.

<http://www.bassettbranches.org/newsletters/2010/05/201005.shtml>

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[Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Aaron Bassett Tombstone](#)

Aaron Bassett is descended from #1A William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
Nathaniel Bassett (b. 1628) and wife Dorcas Joyce
Joseph Bassett (b. 1669) and wife Susannah Howes
Joseph Bassett (b. 1709) and wife Mary Whelden
Samuel Bassett (b. 1748) and wife Lucretia Crowell
Barnabas Bassett (b. 1771) and wife Peggy Gaslin
Dr. Aaron Bassett (b. 1810) and wife Jane S. Clark

Pictured below is an unusual cemetery marker featuring a bust of the deceased.



Picture of cemetery marker found in Find-a-Grave.

Originally featured in October 2010

<http://www.bassettbranches.org/newsletters/2010/10/201010.shtml>

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[Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Margaret Bassett, Real Estate Broker](#)

Margaret was the former wife of Ralph Edward Bassett
Ralph Edward Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
William Bassett and wife Mary Rainsford
William Bassett and wife Rachel Willison
William Bassett and wife Abigail Bourne
William Bassett and wife Lydia Smith
Rufus Bassett and wife Jedidah Handy
Nymphas Bassett and wife Thankful Ann Bruce
Bernard Handy Bassett (b. 1808) and wife Hannah Wilson

Nymphas B. Bassett (b. 1833) and wife Amanda E. Harris
Glenn Otis Bassett (b. 1873) and wife Olive Davis
Glenn Willard Bassett (b. 1909)
Ralph Edward Bassett (b. 1944)

New York Times, December 23, 2015
Margaret Bassett
1937-2015

Well known as a real estate broker specializing in Manhattan's Upper West Side through the 1980s and 1990s, as well as an accomplished pianist in New York's chamber music circles, Margaret Bassett died on December 6, 2015, comfortably and surrounded by family, at the age of 78 after a very recent diagnosis of aggressive brain cancer.

Margaret was an active member of the Chamber Music Conference at Bennington, Vermont (1993-2002) and for the past 25 years has been a much sought-after pianist in the NY area. An accompanist for violinist Arturo Delmoni (New York City Ballet concertmaster) and cellist Michael Finckel, she played chamber music frequently with such notables as Lucy Lin, Steve Ansel, David Oei, Eriko Sato, Maxine Neuman and award-winning violinist Peter Zazofsky. She often hosted informal musical gatherings at her Upper West Side apartment and her home in Brewster, NY.

Through the 1990s, she played bridge frequently at the Manhattan Bridge Club.

Her successful career in residential real estate began in the mid-1980s. Margaret's reputation for intelligent and honest dealings, along with her warmth, personal sense of responsibility and creative problem-solving abilities, earned her a unique place in a rapidly expanding real estate market. She formed her own company, Margaret Bassett Real Estate (margaretbassett.com), and retired in 2002.

The daughter of two schoolteachers, James Lyle Sisk and Pearl Barnett Sisk, Margaret Ann Sisk was born on August 21, 1937 in Champaign, Illinois. She earned her bachelor's degree in music from the University of Illinois in 1959, and was married the same year to statistician Stephen Webb. They moved to Los Angeles in 1962. The couple had three children and were divorced in 1969.

After moving to Orange County, California, Margaret worked as a music director for dinner and community theatres and toured with John Ford's Comic Opera Theatre. Margaret and singer Ralph Bassett were married in 1971. They formed Orange County Opera, which brought arts education programs created by Margaret into public schools. They had one son.

In 1978, the family moved to New York, where she was worked as an office manager for the Metropolitan Opera National Council then Fran Kaufman of Children's Television Workshop, and was also an accompanist and coach for vocalists. The Bassetts divorced in 1983.

In recent years, Margaret traveled extensively and spent time with family, friends and the many musicians who considered her talents, energies and generous spirit invaluable to their vibrant community: in addition to being an intuitive, gifted musician, she was a strong supporter of the arts and individual artists.

She is survived by her four children (Doug Webb is a jazz saxophonist in Los Angeles, California; Jennie Webb is an LA-based playwright; Tim Webb works as a trombonist and engineer in Portland, Oregon; William Bassett is a biotech software engineer in Davis, California) and six grandchildren, as well as her good friend, violinist John Howell.

A celebration of her life-with music-will be held on February 6, 2016 at the New York Society for Ethical Culture.

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Section 6 - Featured Bassett: John Joseph Bassett, death by drowning

John Joseph Bassett descends from #380B John A. Bassett of Greta, NSW, Australia as follows:

John A. Bassett (m 1885) and wife Jane Shanahan
John Joseph Bassett (b. 1886) and wife Sarah Ann Parsons
Cecil Thomas Bassett (b. 1910)



John Joseph Bassett widow and children including Cecil Thomas Bassett

Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, Friday, 9 February 1912
Drowned At Swansea
Evidence At The Inquest

Mr. C. Hibble, the district coroner, held an inquest at the Swansea Hotel, Swansea, yesterday, into the death of John Joseph Bassett. Constable Cullip represented the police.

John A. Bassett, a miner, living at Mine Camp, Catherine Hill Bay, said the deceased was his son. He was also a miner, and left a wife and three children. Witness last saw him alive between 4 and 5 p.m. on Saturday last. He was in the habit of going to Swansea fishing.

Leslie Gilmour, a miner, said he knew the deceased well. At 10.30 a.m. on Sunday last, he saw Bassett fishing on the sands at Swansea, on the Belmont side of the channel. Witness was going to Camm's wharf in the steamer at 11.30 a.m. that day, and anticipated that deceased would come too. He did not go in the steamer, however, and witness saw nothing more of him.

William John Campbell, a miner, said he was the deceased on the Swansea side of the channel at 11 a.m. on Sunday. He had a fishing-rod and a bag at the time, and was apparently going to try for fish higher up the channel.

Constable Cullip, stationed at Belmont, said that at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday last, in company with Constable Riordan and Asprey, he recovered the body of the deceased on a sandspit near Swansea Heads. The body had evidently been stranded there, and he conveyed it to Swansea. Deceased's fishing-rod and bag were found in the Swansea channel the day he was last seen alive.

Dr. John Harris said he examined the body at Swansea. It was much decomposed, and all external signs of drowning were obliterated; yet the appearances would all be quite consistent with death by drowning.

A verdict of accidentally drowned whilst fishing was returned.

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[Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Nehemiah Beach Bassett, Watch Maker](#)

Nehemiah Beach Bassett 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
Jonadab Bassett (b. 1685) and wife Mary Phippeny
Samuel Bassett (b. 1723) and wife Eunice Beach
Nehemiah Beach Bassett (b. 1770)



Bassett Clock sold at a Christie's auction for \$307,200 in 2006.

Advertised in the *The Albany Gazette* (Albany NY), 23 Oct 1795

"Nehemiah B. Bassett, Clock and Watch Maker, Respectfully informs the Public, that he has commenced business at the sign of the silver watch at No. 12, upper end of Market-street, makes, cleans and repairs Clocks and Watches, and warrants them to perform well. Gentlemen that will please to favor him with their custom, may depend on having their orders faithfully executed, and on the most reasonable terms. For sale, Watch chains, Seals, Keys, &c."

Warranted Watches and Clocks
NEHEMIAH B. BASSETT,
Watch Maker,
State-street, near the Dutch Church,
Has Just RECEIVED,
A handsome Assortment of
WARRANTED WATCHES
Watch Chains, Seals, Keys, &c.
He makes, and has likewise for Sale,
Warranted BRASS CLOCKS,
in Mahogany Cases; which he will sell low
for ready pay.
N. B. Watches, Church or
House Clocks, repaired in the best manner,
and on the most reasonable terms. 56m
Albany, December 6th, 1798.

Albany Gazette, Albany, New York, Thursday, May 29, 1800

Cabinet, Schenectady, New York, Tuesday, December 10, 1844

Died – In this city, on Saturday morning last, Mr. Nehemiah B. Bassett, in the 75th year of his age.

Mr. Bassett was formerly a citizen of Albany. He was a gentleman of inestimable qualities, and a Christian of exemplary deportment.

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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.

[514B. John Bassett of Chudleigh, Devonshire, England](#)

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

One new kit was sent out. No new results to post this month.

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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