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Section 1 - Welcome

This month marks the end of a nearly two year travel assignment for work. I hope to have more time in the next few months to catch up with Bassett research and correspondence.

Correction to the December 2007 newsletter

New research has shown an error in a previous newsletter.

George Thomas Bassett descends from the #184B Bassetts of Chiddingstone as follows:

John Bassett of Chiddingstone, England
Henry Bassett died 1585
Thomas Bassett (b. 1566) and wife Kateryne
Michael Bassett (b. 1611) and wife Ann Killick
John Bassett (b. 1646) and wife Ann Cronke
John Bassett (b. 1695) and wife Elizabeth Saxby
Michael Bassett (b. 1741) and wife Mary Killick
John Bassett (b. 1761) and wife Mary Wallis
Henry Bassett (b. 1808) in Edenbridge and wife Eliza
George Thomas Bassett (b. 1841) in Lingfield, Surrey

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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Corn Watch Fob for Bassett Grain Co.

Edward Wilson 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 Williston
William Bassett (b. 1680) and wife Abigail Bourne
Nathaniel Bassett (b. 1719) and wife Hannah Hall
Elisha Bassett (b. 1761) and wife Keturah West
Elisha Bassett (b. 1796) and wife Elizabeth Foster
Oliver Langdon Bassett (b. 1825) and wife Elizabeth Jane Montgomery
Edward Wilson Bassett (b. 1864)



Front and back of a corn watch fob for Bassett Grain Co. of Indianapolis, Indiana for sale on ebay this week.

This family was first featured in the June 2015 Bassett newsletter.

<http://www.bassettbranches.org/newsblog/edward-wilson-bassett-and-son-of-indiana/>

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[Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Leslie Raymond Bassett, Pulitzer Prize winner for Music](#)

Leslie Raymond Bassett descends from #44B Emanuel Bassett of St. Enoder, Cornwall as follows:

Emanuel Bassett (d. 1676) and wife Grace
Thomas Bassett (b. 1628) and wife Lowdy
John Bassett (b. 1758) and wife Phillipa Rickard
John Bassett (b. 1703) and wife Alice Banallack
Richard Bassett (b. 1747) and wife Elizabeth Glyddon
Richard Bassett (b. 1772) and wife Jeniger Davis
John Davies Bassett (b. 1806) and wife Thamason Rowe
Mark Bassett (b. 1848) and wife Helen Lander
Archibald Leslie Bassett (b. 1895) and wife Vera Vesta Starr
Leslie Raymond Bassett

Leslie was an early participant in our Bassett DNA study.



Memorial Park Funeral Homes & Cemeteries
Leslie Raymond Bassett
January 22, 1923 - February 4, 2016

Dr. Leslie Raymond Bassett, age 93 of Oakwood, Georgia, passed away on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at his residence.

Memorial services are scheduled for Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 2:00 pm at McEver Road United Methodist Church. Reverend Rob Bruce will officiate. The family will receive friends on Saturday, February 13, 2016 from 3 - 5 pm, after the service, at the Church.

Leslie was born January 22, 1923 in Hanford, California to the late Archibald Leslie Bassett and Vera Vesta Starr Bassett. He was a WW II veteran and retired from a lengthy and distinguished career as a Professor of Music Composition at the University of Michigan. Leslie was preceded in death by his parents; his son Ralph Earle Bassett; and his brother, Earle Leonard Bassett.

Professor Bassett was the University of Michigan's Albert A. Stanley Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Music and was the 1984 Henry Russel Lecturer, the University's highest faculty honor. He has received the Distinguished Artist Award from the State of Michigan; was named Distinguished Alumnus by his California *alma mater*, Fresno State, and by the University of Michigan's School of Music. He was awarded the major composer award and membership in the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and has twice been the composer-in-residence at the Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Center. He received the 1966 Pulitzer Prize in Music for his *Variations for Orchestra*, premiered in Rome in 1963, followed two years later by its United States premier by the Philadelphia Orchestra under conductor Eugene Ormandy. He was a prolific composer with works widely performed and recorded by orchestras, bands, choirs and various ensembles and soloists throughout the United States and abroad.

Mr. Bassett is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Anita Denniston Bassett of Oakwood; daughter & son-in-law, Wendy Bratton Baker & R. Richard Baker, III of Gainesville; son & daughter-in-law, Noel Leslie & Elizabeth Johnson Bassett of Orchard Park, New York; grandchildren, Laura Bratton

Ammons (Rick) and Kevin Lee Bratton (Amy) and great-grandchildren, Madison & Gracen Ammons and Charlie Bratton.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Leslie Bassett Scholarship Fund for Music Composition Masters students at the University of Michigan, School of Music, Theatre and Dance. Checks should be sent to:

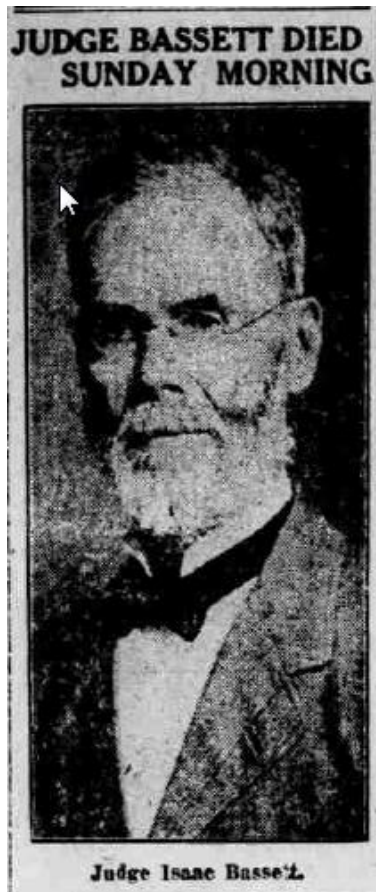
The Leslie Bassett Scholarship Fund
SMTD Development Office
2005 Baits Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2035

Memorial Park Funeral Home, 2030 Memorial Park Road, Gainesville, GA 30504
is in charge of arrangements.

[Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Death of Isaac Newton Bassett, Aledo, Illinois lawyer](#)

Isaac Newton Bassett descended from #8B John Bassett of New Jersey as follows:

John Bassett of New Jersey
John Bassett (d. 1790) and wife Sabrina Ray
Isaac Bassett (b. 1790) and wife Frances A. Hall
Isaac Newton Bassett



The Rock Island Argus, Aledo, Illinois
September 6, 1920
Death Calls Aged Lawyer Of This City
Judge Bassett Died Sunday Morning
I.N. Bassett, Charter Member of the State Bar Association
Died at the Age of 95 Years

Isaac Newton Bassett, aged 95 years, oldest lawyer in Illinois, a charter member of the Illinois State Bar association, died at his home in Aledo Sunday morning at 9:30 from the infirmities of age.

Mr. Bassett, who until a few weeks ago, had taken an active interest in local affairs, has been blind for several yaers. His daughters, Miss Bessie Bassett and Miss Laura Minota Bassett, with whom the deceased has amd his home, have for several years, very devotedly cared for their father, reading the newspapers to him and assisting him in his activity of the community. Mr. Basset, who was the last surviving charter member of the Illinois State Bar association, practiced law in Aledo until March 1, 1916. Even since that time, according to State's Attorney E.A. Hebel, who was associated with Mr. Bassett at the time of retirement, the deceased had administered several estates and was frequently consulted in law cases.

WIDELY KNOWN

Mr. Bassett was one of the best known lawyers of the state and was the oldest member of the Aledo lodge NO. 252, A.F. & A.M. He was at one time a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and later a member of the Congregational church. He held offices, ranging from board of supervisors of New Boston township, to president of Mercer County Bar association and Master in Chancery of this county and was, at different times, secretary-treasurer and junior warden of the Masonic lodge. He also served as city attorney for Aledo and was for four years a member of the board of school directors.

BORN IN QUINCY

Mr. Bassett was born on Sept. 8, 1825, in Quincy, Lewis County, Kentucky. He came to Mercer county in 1852, settling near New Boston, where for two years he was engaged with his brother, L.A> Bassett, in mercantile pursuit in his home village. He received a common school education I nhis native county, attending the district schools but for three months of the year until he was 14 years of age. He took up the study of law in 1850 and continued after coming to Mercer county.

MARRIED IN 1847

In 1847 he was married to Scienda Isle Moore of Scioto county, Ohio. To this union there were born six children, two of whom are deceased. His first wife died in January, 1861, and in February of the next year, Mr. Bassett was married to Mrs. Caroline Harroun Yerty and to this union were born four children, only two of whom are living. In 1854 he was elected supervisor of New Boston township, a member of the first board of supervisors in Mercy county.

In the same year he was licensed to practice law and opened offices in Keithsburg with Elias Willetts in 1855. He was elected county treasurer in the same year and was re-elected two years later. He served as Master In Chancery of the circuit court in Mercer county for one year, but resigned on account of his large practice.

MOVED TO ALEDO IN 1857

In the fall of 1857 he moved to Aledo and had made his home here continually, except for an absence for one year, which was spent in Colorado. He was a member of the convention which organized the Republican party in 1854. He was associated with a number of different attorneys in this county during his lifetime. The last partnership was with State's Attorney E.A. Hebel. Several of the most prominent lawyers now practicing in this community

read law in Mr. Bassett's office when they were young men, among whom is Oscar E. Carlstrom, who is now a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor.

FUNERAL WEDNESDAY

Mr. Bassett is survived by the following children, by his first wife: Mrs. Flora A. Graham of Aledo, Laura Minota, also of Aledo, Thomas W. of Kent, Wash., and Mrs. Luelia Adams, wife of J.S. Adams of Galesburg. By the second union he is survived by Dr. Victor H. Bassett of Savannah, Ga., and Miss Bessie Bassett at home.

Funeral services will be held at the home in Aledo on Wednesday, which would have been the 95th birthday of the deceased attorney. Dr. A. Judson Arrick, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Aledo, will be in charge. The remains will be laid to rest in the Aledo cemetery.

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[Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Margaret \(Bassett\) Nicolas of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Maine](#)

Margaret Bassett descends from #309 Frank Lester Bassett of Maine as follows:

Frank Lester Bassett (b. 1875) and wife Fannie
Margaret Bassett (b. 1895) and husband Joseph Nicholas

1900 Federal Census of Perry, Washington County, ME (22 Jun 1900)
Frank Bassett 24 Sep 1875 M ME ME ME Head Basket Maker
Fannie 23 1877 F CN CN CN Wife Ration Indian
Margaret 4 Aug 1895 F ME ME ME Daughter Ration Indian
(Married 5 years, 2 children, 1 living)

Frank Bassett may belong to one of the Bassett families of Massachusetts and possibly married into the Passamaquoddy tribe, but I have found nothing further on his ancestors yet. Hopefully we can get a male Bassett from this family to take part in the Bassett DNA project.



Joseph Nicholas and wife Margaret Bassett Nicholas, 1921
Indian Village, Maine – Passamaquoddy Tribe
Photo from pinterest.

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Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Emile Braun Bassett and the firm Bassett & Vollum

Emile Braun Bassett descends from #269 Luke Dye Bassett as follows:

Luke Dye Bassett (b. 1811) and wife Jeannette L. Wilson
Samuel Houston Bassett (b. 1861) and wife Louisa E. Yancey
George Wilbur Bassett (b. 1888) and wife Zona Belle Mulberry
Emile Braun Bassett (b. 1909)



Bassett & Vollum Trademark



Bassett & Vollum wallpaper from the Collection of Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum

San Diego Union, California, Sunday, September 7, 1947
Co-Milliners Maintain Two Establishments

The millinery firm of Emile George is a combination of two talented young men who started out to be industrial designers and who, in fact, still are. They have a thriving wallpaper business in addition to their custom hat salons in New York and Chicago. Their hearts, however, are in millinery.

STUDIED DESIGN

The George part of the combination is George Vollum, who came from Eau Claire, Wis. He studied industrial design at the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts. One of his important contributions in the field was a "whistling teakettle." From there he went on, being a young man of great versatility, to the design of baby carriages. In 1937 he met Emile Bassett and they started their wallpaper firm of Bassett and Vollum.

Bassett, the Emile part of the combination, studied interior decorating at the Dayton Art Institute in Dayton, O. His career has been focused on decoration, his interests divided equally between interiors and fashion. Both men feel that there is a decided link between the colors and trends in the home and the trends in apparel.

FASHION AHEAD

To quote them: "Fashion is ahead of interiors - that is, what the woman is wearing today she will seek for interiors later. She becomes accustomed to colors in her clothes and she subsequently looks for the same background."

During the last two years they have become fascinated with hats and they showed their first custom-made collection in Chicago. This fall they have opened their second salon on Madison Ave. in New York.

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Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Death of Trevor Norman Bassett of New Zealand

Trevor Norman Bassett descends from #391B Thomas Bassett of Tewksbury, England as follows:

Thomas Bassett and wife Ann
Thomas Bassett (b. 1771) and wife Ann Fletcher
John Bassett (b. 1805) and wife Elizabeth Cull
William Bassett (b. 1848) and wife Mary
William George Bassett (b. 1869) and wife Olive Gertrude Tyler
Albert Austin Bassett (b. 1889) and wife Martha Marina Patterson
Trevor Norman Bassett (b. 1920)

Timaru Herald, 9 Dec 1886
Marriage
Bassett-Tyler

On the 8th inst., at the Baptist Church, E. street, Timaru, by the Rev. C.C. Brown, William George Bassett, of Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, England, to Olive Gertrude Tyler, daughter of Mr. Daniel Tyler, Kentchurch, Herefordshire, England.

Evening Post, 24 Nov 1917
Marriages
Bassett-Patterson

On the 14th November, at St. Paul's ProCathedral, Mulgrave street, by the Rev. A. M. Johnson, Albert Austin (Bert), late 6th Reinforcements N.Z.E.F., and the only son of Mrs. Bassett Sydney-street, Wellington, to Martha Mavina (May), third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Patterson, of Reefton.



New Zealand Herald, 13 Feb 1941
Gunner's Death
Air Accident In Britain

Advice that his son, Sergeant-Gunner Trevor Norman Bassett, aged 21, had died as the result of an air accident in Britain, has been received by Mr. A. A. Bassett, of 40 First Avenue, Kingsland. Sergeant-Gunner Bassett was a prominent athlete in Auckland.

A member of the Mount Albert Athletic Club until he left to train at Levin in July last year, Sergeant-Gunner Bassett held the 75yds and 100yds sprint championships. In addition to playing Rugby and League he was a leading member of the Takapuna Cycling Club. When he was 16 he was the first junior to complete the 100 miles-cycle race from Papakura to Ngaruawahia and back. He was educated at the Devonport School and at Seddon Memorial Technical College. He completed his air training at Ohakea and left for England on September 14. One of his brothers, Private R.A. Bassett, is serving with the Territorial forces, guarding vital points.

[Section 8 - New family lines combined or added since the last newsletter](#)

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

398B. Samuel Bassett of Devon into the #514B Bassetts of Chudleigh, Devon, England family

341B. William Bassett of St. Stephen, Cornwall into the #286B Jacob Bassett of St. Stephen family

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

241B. Flem Bassett of Missouri (b. 1864)

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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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