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Section 1 - Welcome

The Bassett database at our website has now grown to over 139.000 Bassetts or related family members.



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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: News about Oliver C. Bassett and Family of Shelby County, Indiana

Oliver C. Bassett descends 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 Willison
William Bassett (b. 1681) and wife Abigail Bourne
William Bassett (b. 1711) and wife Lydia Smith
Rufus Bassett (b. 1757) and wife Jedidah Handy
Nymphas Bassett (b. 1785) and wife Thankful Ann Bruce
Oliver C. Bassett (b. 1824) and wife Elizabeth Monroney

A picture of the this family was featured in the May, 2014 issue of the newsletter. The picture may have been taken at one of the family reunions mentioned in the article below.

Shelbyville Democrat, January 3, 1910
Bassett Family Reunion Held ON New Year's Day
Children and Grandchildren Met at the Home of Mrs. Elizabeth Bassett

On New Year's Day of 1849 on the bluff overlooking big Blue river near the present site of the Marion bridge, there were united in marriage Oliver C. Bassett and Elizabeth Monroney. They purchased a small tract of land,

built their cabin, cleared the land and for over fifty-six years, or until the death of Mr. Bassett five years ago, lived together on the same land. These old pioneers reared a large family, five of whom are still living. They are Mrs. N.J. Bowman, of Anderson, Ind.; John R. of Van Buren township; James K. and Marshall, of Marion township, and Mrs. L.B. Carrithers, of this city. It has been the custom of this family to gather around the parental board each New Year's day and help the old folks remember the event of 1849. Each year is looked forward to by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren as the one day of the year - a home coming. Last Saturday was no exception to the event as on that day all of them to the number of fifty gathered at the old homestead two and one-half miles north of this city to wish each a Happy New Year, talk of the events of the year, and to enjoy the feast they knew was sure to await them. Just before the happy gathering separated to their homes and as a fitting finish to the joyous day, Mrs. Bassett presented each of her children a check for \$114, at the same time wishing them all a Prosperous and Happy New York. May Mrs. Bassett see many, many returns of this annual gathering.

Shelbyville Daily Democrat, November 3, 1904
Aged Man Injured

Oliver Bassett, aged eighty years, of Marion township, experienced a rather severe hardship for a man of his age on Monday. He was assisting in hauling in some corn from the field and was riding on the wagon with one of the hands. When they approached the gate he jumped from the wagon and opened the gate. After the wagon had passed through and he had closed the gate, he shouted to the driver to go ahead. Like he had always done in younger years, he started to jump on the side of the wagon and slipping fell under the wheels which passed over his left lower limb from the hip to near his ankle without breaking his leg or injuring him other than to cut a gash some six inches in length on his "shin". Dr. J. B. Stewart attended his injuries and he will probably not suffer any serious effects.

Shelbyville Daily Democrat, July 26, 1906
Death of Oliver C. Bassett
Well-Known Citizen Passes Away Thursday Shortly After Noon.

Oliver C. Bassett died at his home in Marion township, this afternoon, shortly after twelve o'clock, aged eighty-two years.

Mr. Bassett was born in Marion township. He was one of ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Nimphus Bassett and was the last of that family. He has always resided in Marion township and was one of the best known people in Shelby county.

Several years ago he became troubled with a cancer on his face near his nose. This did not give him much trouble until about three or four years ago. For the past few months he has been a great sufferer from his affliction, which finally resulted in his death.

Mr. Bassett was the owner of considerable farming land in the county, which he accumulated by strict attention to business. In politics he was a staunch republican.

Surviving him is a widow and five children, namely; Nancy Jane Bowman, John Bassett, James K. Bassett, Marshall Bassett and Mrs. Lee Carrithers.

Arrangements for the funeral services have not, as yet, been made.

Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Thomas Bassett, Mexican War and Civil War Veteran

Thomas Bassett descends from #7B William Bassett Cross Plains, Indiana as follows:

Michael Bassett (b. 1726) of Limpsfield, Surrey, England
William Bassett (b. 1755) and wife Margaret McQuiddy
James Bassett (b. 1793) and wife Dorcas Clark
Thomas W.C. Bassett (b. 1826)

Wabash Plain Dealer, January 24, 1906
Captain Thomas Bassett, Formerly of Versailles
Died in Peoria, Ill. Saturday Morning.

Captain Thomas Bassett, a veteran of both the Mexican and civil wars, died Saturday morning at 8 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Connard, xxxx North Madison avenue, Peoria, Ill., after an illness of several months. Death was due to a complication of diseases contracted while in the services of his country.

Captain Bassett was a member of one of the most patriotic families in the United States, which has furnished many soldiers for the various conflicts in which the country has been engaged. The grandfather of Captain Bassett was a soldier in the Revolution under George Washington, his father a soldier of the war of 1812, he of both the Mexican and civil wars, and his two sons, Robert and John, both serving in the Philippines.

Captain Bassett went to Peoria from Versailles only last March, Indiana being his home state. During his short resident in Peoria he became acquainted with the few remaining soldiers of the Mexican war and enjoyed their associations. He enlisted for service on the southwestern frontier in the Mexican war as a private in the Fourth Indiana regiment, and in the civil war was a captain in the Ninth battalion.

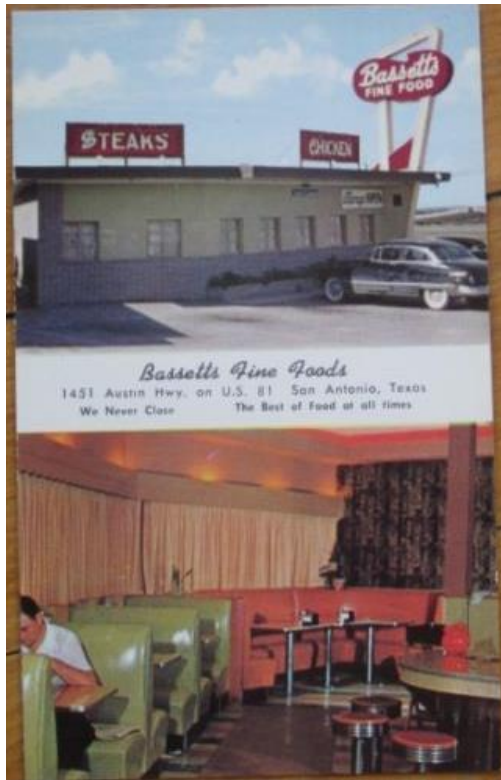
He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. Arthur Beck, Mrs. Frank Connard, Robert and Fred Bassett, all of Peoria, and Mrs. Belle Roberts, of Minneapolis.

The funeral services were held at two o'clock, Monday afternoon, at 1019 North Madison avenue, in charge of the W.R.C. The interment was made in Springdale cemetery, Peoria.

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Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Bassetts Fine Foods of San Antonio, Texas

I found the following two post cards for sale on ebay. Does anyone know who owned this restaurant or who it was named for?



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Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Picture of John Waltham Bassett of Hatton Wall, London, England

John Waltham Bassett descends from #327B William Bassett of Dingley, England as follows:

William Bassett and wife Sarah Hall
John Bassett (b. 1769) and wife Elizabeth Hackney
John Bassett (b. 1801) and wife Hannah Fellows
Ezra Bassett (b. 1840) and wife Emily Waltham
John Waltham Bassett, born 1868, died 1921



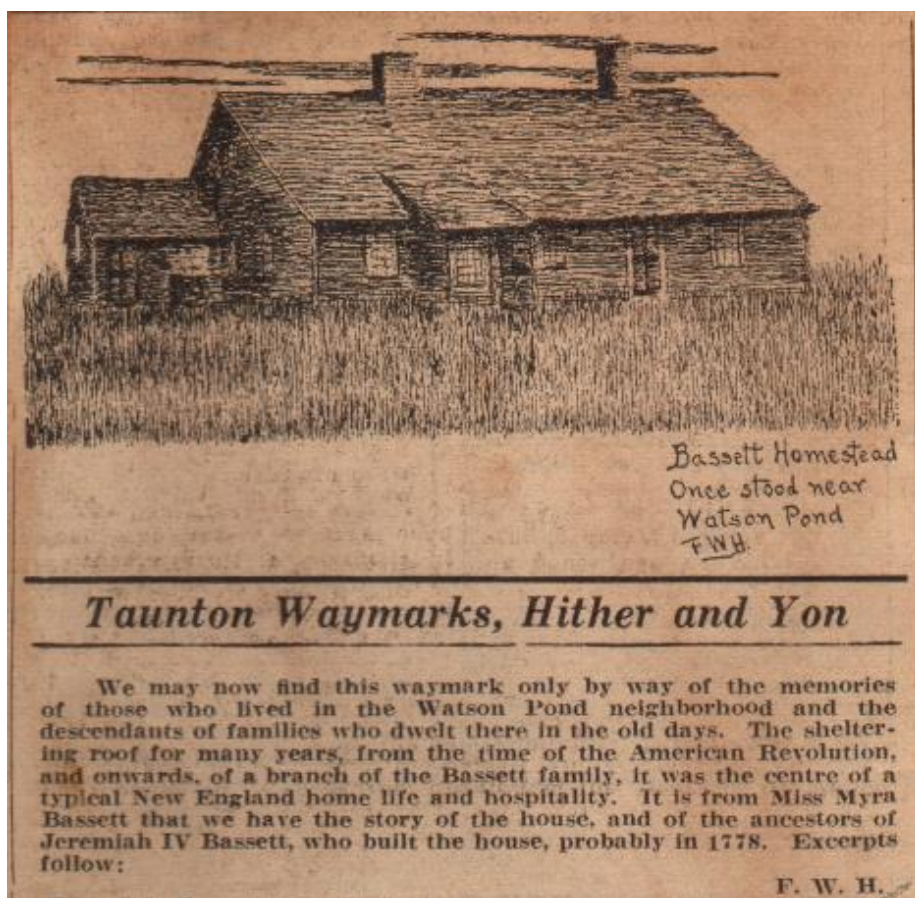
John Waltham Bassett, 1868-1921

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Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Jeremiah Bassett home of North Taunton, Massachusetts

Jeremiah Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

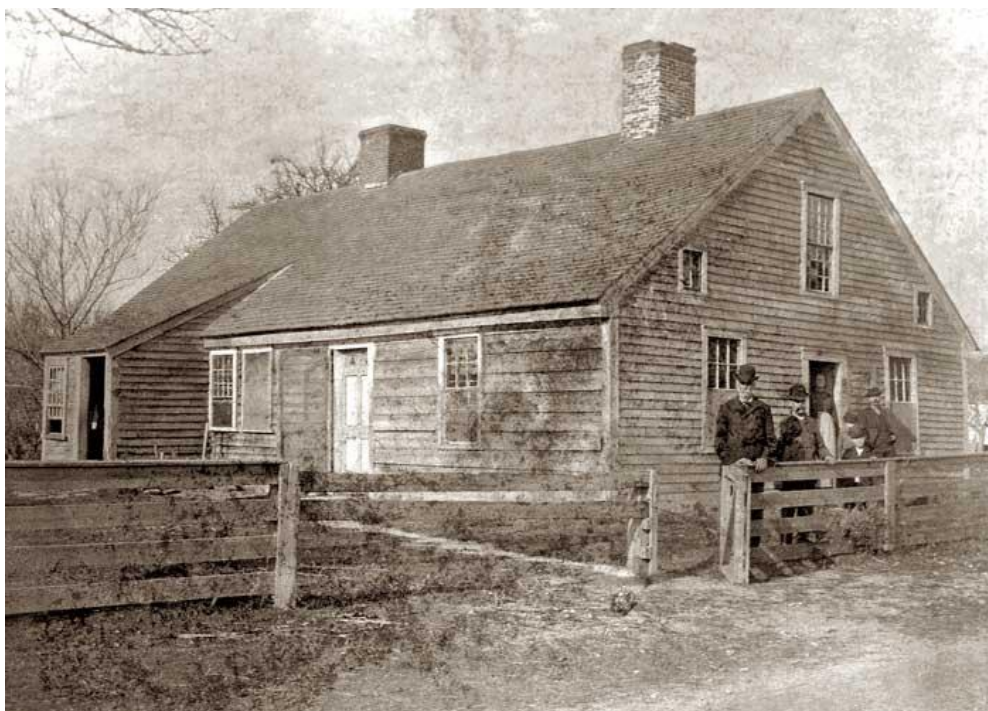
William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
Joseph Bassett (b. 1635) and wife Martha Hobart
Jeremiah Bassett (b. 1722) and wife Sarah Alger
Jeremiah Bassett (b. 1751) and wife Hannah Woodward
Jeremiah Bassett (b. 1787) and wife Lydia Stone
Albert M. Bassett (b. 1825) (Seen in picture below)



Jeremiah Bassett, fourth in descent from William Bassett, who came over in the "Fortune" in 1621, was a farmer and large land owner, who had holdings of land between Bassett and Crane streets, North Taunton. His home on Bassett street, near Watson's Pond, was a long, story-and-a-half structure, upon one of the chimneys of which were the letters and dates "J.B. 1778 and 1787," indicating that the main part of the house was built then years or so before the smaller portion, and the ell was built on as a room for the pastor of the parish. Two chimneys led down into the rooms with large fireplaces, the latter in the comfortable living room being five feet in length, with narrow shelf, high mantel, and with a cupboard at the right of it, the room next to that, on the other side of the chimney having a fireplace about three feet long and a cupboard. There was commodious kitchen with a smaller fireplace, and adjoining the kitchen was a bedroom eight or nine feet square. There were thus four rooms in the front end, the ell leading off the kitchen and pantry, and adjoining was the "pastor's room". In its last days, the house had no occupant, and went to decay, it being torn down in 1930.

A thorough genealogical line of her branch of the Bassett family has been traced by Miss Bassett, (to which space cannot be given in these short sketches of old residences), and in the line is the name of Peregrine White, the first-born of English parents in the Old Colony, so that the family has "Mayflower"

descent. William Bassett eventually settled in Bridgewater, and his son, Joseph, also settled there with his parents. Jeremiah, the grandson of William, was school teacher in Norton, and removing to North Taunton, he bought a house on what is now Field street, east of the cemetery and Freewill Baptist church, and later had Baptist church meetings in his own home. Jeremiah IV, was next in line; and then came Jeremiah V, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary army, and built an addition to the homestead.



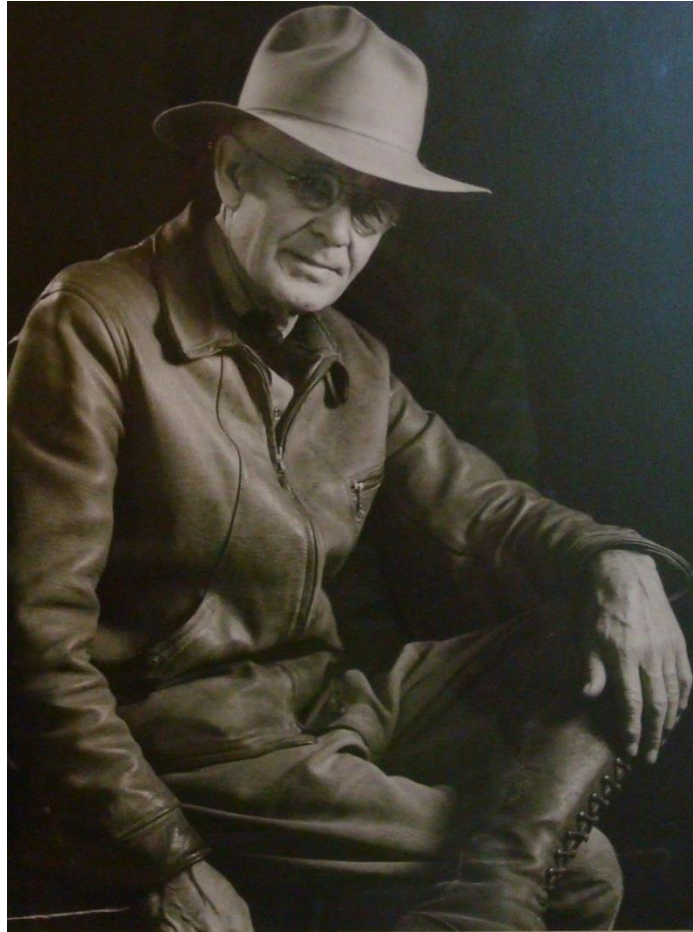
Albert M. Bassett in front of the Bassett home. (Picture from ancestry.com)

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[Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Louis Benjamin Bassett picture and obituary](#)

Edward Henry Bassett descends from #3B Thomas Bassett of Connecticut as follows:

Thomas Bassett (b. 1598)
Thomas Bassett and wife Sarah Baldwin
Josiah Bassett (b. 1690) and wife Alice Canfield
Samuel Bassett (b. 1723) and wife Susannah Morris
Isaac Bassett (b. 1760) and wife Desire Hotchkiss
Isaac Bassett (b. 1785) and wife Jane Elizabeth Way
Henry Bassett (b. 1815) and wife Minerva Lines
Edward Henry Bassett (b. 1841) and wife Hattie Amanda King
Louis Benjamin Bassett – born 1873



Louis Benjamin Bassett 1873-1947

ST. PAUL SUNDAY PIONEER PRESS, OCTOBER 5, 1947

Louis Bassett, Pioneer Farm Educator, Dies

Louis B. Bassett, for many years superintendent of experimental farm operations of the University of Minnesota and associate professor of farm management, died Saturday in his home at 2095 Dudley ave. He was 74 years old.

Mr. Bassett was a pioneer in the growth of the University's agricultural education program. He retired six years ago after 30 years' service.

A graduate of the school of agriculture, Mr. Bassett attended the college of agricultural until 1898 when he enlisted in the Army during the Spanish-American war. At the time of his death he was president of the 13th Minnesota Volunteers veterans organization.

He returned to the University Farm in 1905 and served as farm foreman until 1909. After spending two years on a 10,000 acre farm in North Dakota, he returned to the campus.

Surviving are his wife, Zoe Wells and three children, Marjorie, Muriel and Gordon.

Funeral arrangements have not be completed.

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

No family lines have been combined/eliminated or added since the last newsletter.

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

Several kits are outstanding at the lab, but 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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