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Section 1 - Welcome

No new trees were added to the Bassett website database since the last newsletter.

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 140,659

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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Abbot Bassett Family Scrapbook pictures (3 of 3)

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

William Bassett (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

Edward Bassett (b. 1809) and wife Clara Jane Morgan

Abbot Bassett (b. 1845 Chelsea)

Abbot was at one time the president of the Bassett Family Association (1899) and served as secretary of the League of American Wheelman.



Abbot and Helen Bassett, August 1887, Cottage City, Maryland



Postcard picture of Abbot and Helen Bassett



Picture of Abbot and Helen Bassett on a three wheeled bicycle



There is no name more familiar to wheelmen of America than that of the gray-haired secretary of the league, Abbot Bassett of Boston, whose autograph they always carry in the ir pockets, and whose name, it has been said, is always misspelled. There is a tradition in the league that the secretaryship was made for Bassett and Bassett for the secretaryship, which

has been termed a sort of dove tailing of adaptabilities. Then again there is a legend in the lore of the league that Bassett is the only man who ever made a successful mixture of statistics and poetry, he being an expert in both branches of art. Besides being the secretary of the league, Mr. Bassett is also the editor of its official organ, The Bicycling World and Official Bulletin: His name is a synonym of clean handedness and system, and his columns are always full of a peculiarly interesting fund of matter that is spread all over the United States, and which has a great effect in keeping up the tone of the wheeling interests throughout the country. With a weekly audience of nearly 20,000, Mr. Bassett is somewhat of a power in the land, and it is to his credit that he has never abused the opportunities that he thus possesses for the creation of public opinion.

Evening Star, Washington, D.C., Saturday, February 14, 1891

Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Harriet (Bishop) Bassett Memorial Marker

Samuel Henry Bassett descends from #199B Stephen Bassett of Rotherfield, England as follows:

Stephen Bassett (b. 1620) and wife Mrs. Stevens

Alexander Bassett (b. 1643) and wife Ann

William Bassett (b. 1676) and wife Mary Martin

William Bassett (b. 1699) and wife Mary Moon

William Bassett (b. 1731) and wife Ann Moon

William Bassett (b. 1770) and wife Elizabeth Tester

Thomas Bassett (b. 1811) and wife Mary Ann Wallis

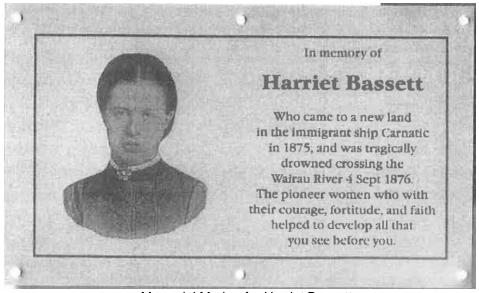
Samuel Henry Bassett (b. 1847) and wife Harriet Bishop



Harriet (Bishop) Bassett Wife of Samuel Henry Bassett

West Coast Times, New Zealand, Thursday, September 21, 1877

A fatal accident occurred near Blenheim a few days ago. It appears that as a boy was crossing a ford in the Wairui River, he saw a horse and trap on the bank of the river, and a bundle lying near it. The vehicle was recognised as that belonging to Mr Furby, of Tua Marina, and inquiry proved that Mr and Mrs Furby, with a Mrs Bassett, had left Blenheim in it about mid-day, and no doubt remained that the three were drowned. The bodies of the two first-named were discovered the following morning, and the police went out in search of the remaining body, but after continuing all day their efforts proved fruitless. The Furbys have left no children, but Mrs Bassett leaves a husband and three children to lament her loss.



Memorial Marker for Harriet Bassett

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Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Bassett's Crystal Spring Park, Ogunquit, Maine

Dwight H. Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
Nathaniel Bassett and wife Dorcas Joyce
Joseph Bassett and wife Susannah Howes
Joseph Bassett and wife Mary Whelden
Capt. Jonathan Bassett and wife Elizabeth Hallett
Benjamin Bassett and wife Thankful Bassett
Alanson Bassett and wife Freelove Mosher
Joseph Mosher Bassett and wife Malora R. Smith
Harry J. Bassett and wife Clara A.
Dwight H. Bassett

This family was first featured in the April 2005 newsletter.

http://www.bassettbranches.org/newsletters/2005/20050417/20050417.shtml



Bassett's Crystal Spring Park, Ogunquit, Maine

Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Sheldon Bassett of Derby, Connecticut

Sheldon Bassett descends 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 Samuel Bassett (b. 1692) and wife Deborah Bennett Ebenezer Bassett (b. 1731) and wife Hannah Smith James Bassett (b. 1757) and wife Betsey Canfield



The Bassett House, Derby, Connecticut

NOTICE.

HE copartnership heretofore existing under the firm of JUDSON, HOTCHKISS & BASSETT, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All those indebted to us are requested to make immediate payment to Sheldon Bassett and Julius Hotchkiss who are authorized to settle the business of the concern.

DONALD JUDSON,
JULIUS HOTCHKISS,
JOHN BASSETT, Jr.
Birmingham, (Derby.) Aug. 5, 1837.
The subscribers will continue the business at the old stand, under the firm of BASSETT & HOTCHKISS, where may be found a good assortment of DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, &c. &c. which will be sold as low as at any store in this State, for cash, or in exchange for country SHELDON BASSETT. produce. JULIUS HOTCHKISS.

August 5, 1837.

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Columbian Register, New Haven, Connecticut, Saturday, August 26, 1837

History of New Haven County, Connecticut, John L. Rockey, 1918

Royal M. Bassett, manufacturer, Birmingham, Conn., was born in Derby, Conn., October 22d, 1828. His ancestry is easily traced backward to John Bassett, of New Haven. The colonial records speak of him in 1647, and give his death as

occurring in February, 1653. His son, Robert, located in Stratford, where he married his wife. The settlement of the Bassett family now showed a tendency to move up the Housatonic and Naugatuck rivers. Sergeant Robert, son of Robert Bassett, purchased land in Derby, and presented it to his second son, Samuel Bassett. Samuel came to Derby when he was only 17 years of age. The land given him by his father embraced several parcels, and one of them was at the foot of Great hill, known now as the "Old Bassett Place "; and others were on Great hill. There lived Ebenezer, son of Samuel; and James, son of Ebenezer, the greatgrandfather of Royal M. But William, son of James and grandfather of Royal M., was not born for farming so much as for trading. He acquired an early discipline in a country store up the Housatonic river. A thrifty nature made him saving of his earnings and ambitious to enlarge upon them. In time he was able to open a country store for himself, and chose Derby as the location. Derby had been a town of considerable commercial importance both because of its West India and coastwise shipping, and it was still showing the evidences of its fortune in having a large trade. Bridgeport by the turnpike northward into western Connecticut had sapped considerable of the business life of Derby, for Bridgeport was an open port all the year round, while the Housatonic river was closed to shipping a part of the year; still Derby was the port for a considerable trade. Mr. Bassett grasped "the skirts of happy chance."

One child was born to him and his wife, Lucy Smith - Sheldon Bassett. He was carefully trained under the loving eye of a judicious mother. But manners and morals were given strict attention to, for Mrs. Bassett was a model of propriety and grace, and strictly religious in all her habits. Having such a mother, Sheldon could not fail to be the admirable character he was. His father spared no pains to give the lad all the advantages of schooling and social life within reach of the home. Gradually Sheldon Bassett was introduced to the mysteries of successful trading, and became the partner of his father in the store. And when the partnership was dissolved by mutual consent, Sheldon Bassett opened a store in Birmingham. As a reason for the removal it may be said that the commercial status of Derby Center was now changing. Business was shifting its greater volume to the new location. Because of its superior opportunities for manufacturing, Birmingham, though contiguous to Derby Center, was outstripping her neighbor. As manufacturing was coming into the town, the thoughts of the more ambitious young men were widening with the expanding business life. The Colburns, of Westville, had established their foundry in Derby in 1836, and Sheldon Bassett perceiving a business opportunity of much promise, became a partner in the new concern.

His prominence in town matters was evidenced before this date, for he had already been town clerk and justice of the peace, and had established a reputation for public and administrative virtue. And the evidence of his business career only widened his influence in the town.

In 1850 the foundry was made a joint stock corporation under the name of "The Birmingham Iron Foundry," and Sheldon Bassett became more and more a controlling factor, until the management passed into his hands.

But Mr. Bassett held other business relations in town. He was one of the original incorporators of the Derby Savings Bank, and touched the business life of the town at many points. He was a good counsellor, and his opinion was often sought for as valuable on the questions affecting the welfare of

his neighbors and his town. He married Miss Harriett Hull, daughter of Lieutenant Samuel Hull, one of the officers of the revolutionary army. She was a woman of fine spirit, of earnest purpose and pure religious character—the well-suited counterpart of her husband. Her children have called her "blessed" since they were able to appreciate the value of the example she gave them.

To Sheldon Bassett and his wife, Harriet Hull, were born six children: William H., Royal M., Mrs. Ellen S. Norton, Mrs. Lavinia De Forrest, Mrs. Lucy P. Colt and Theodore S. Of this family of children only two are living: Royal M., whose portrait appears in this history, and Theodore S., one of the business men of Birmingham. Upon the death of Sheldon Bassett, in 1864, his son. Royal M., succeeded to the presidency of the Birmingham Iron Foundry, and his other son, Theodore S., was chosen secretary and treasurer. The capital stock of the company, which was originally \$32,000, has since been increased to \$100,000; and under the management of these two brothers, the business has been very prosperous.

Royal M. Bassett obtained his education in the common schools of his native town, and in academies in New Haven and in Haddam. The fortune he inherited was only slender, and, like many of his social peers, he must make his own business career. He was endowed with executive ability of the first order, and his gift of administration was presided over by high moral purpose and social qualities, which won confidence and often love. Hence he became the companion of honorable men, among whom he maintained the distinction of wise foresight and virtue in all his transactions. If his business judgment sometimes failed, it is only fair to say that oftener it led him aright, and his accumulations of wealth are visible to all observers. Mr. Bassett was one of the principal promoters of the Ousatonic Water Company, which has made the great mills of Shelton a reality, giving to the enterprise the strength of his influence, and investing capital in its stock. He was also one of the incorporators of the Derby Gas Company. Besides, his interest in popular education has made him an ardent friend of the public schools, and the splendid school building in the Sixth district of Birmingham is largely a monument of his wise persistent efforts.

But Derby and its affairs were not large enough to compass the breadth of his spirit. He is seen outside of his state, along the line of the Pacific railroad, building an expensive rolling mill, and preparing the iron rails for the rolling stock of the trans-continental highway. He is also seen in Utah as president of the Northern railroad, and again as trustee of the Utah Western railroad, and later, when that railroad was reorganized under the name of the Utah Nevada, he was appointed president. He is also vice-president and secretary of the Rubber Reclaiming Company, having an office in New York but embracing five factories in different manufacturing centers. And though his investments are held at many points, they are so appointed and controlled that he has abundant leisure for what recreation or travel he may care to enter upon.

On November 9th, 1858, he married Miss Frances J. Stratton, of Bridgeport, Conn., a lady of kindred tastes, shown both within and without their home; but she died February 14th, 1876. Three children were born to them; Lucy L. Bassett, who died at the age of 19 years, February 4th, 1879; Royal E. Bassett, about 4 years of age, who died January 9th, 1865, and Sheldon H. Bassett, born April 11th, 1867, now of New York.



Postcard of the Bassett House, Derby, Connecticut

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Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Picture of Frederick Bassett of Denbigh, Wales

Frederick Bassett descends from #223B William Bassett of Denbigh, Wales as follows:

William Bassett and wife Margaret Roberts Peter Bassett and wife Anne William Bassett (b. 1800) and wife Elizabeth Jones Frederick Bassett (b. 1838) and wife Catherine Frances Wright



Frederick Bassett, picture from ancestry.com

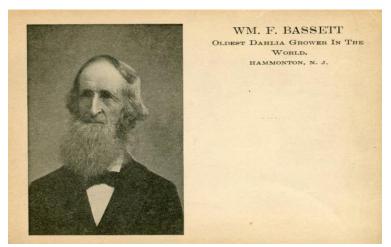
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Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Bassett Family of Hammonton, NJ, Dahlia Growers

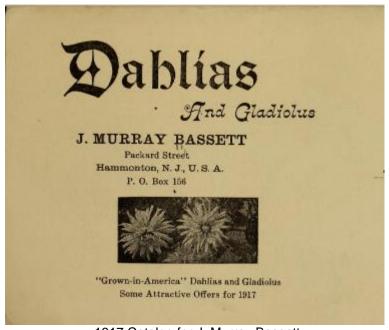
John Murray Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
William Bassett and wife Mary Rainsford
William Bassett and wife Rachel Willison
William Bassett and wife Abigail Bourne
Elisha Bassett (b. 1714) and wife Ruhamah Jennings
Elisha Bassett (b. 1744) and wife Susannah Howes
William Bassett (b. 1787) and wife Nancy Alden
William Franklin Bassett (b. 1825) and wife Chloe Elizabeth Leonard
John Murray Bassett (b. 1869) and wife Keziah Sorden

William Franklin Bassett and his son John Murray Bassett were Dahlia growers located in Hammonton, Atlantic County, New Jersey. I found the items below in various places.



Wm. F. Bassett postcard



1917 Catalog for J. Murray Bassett

The Bellevue Nursery

A New Departure.

About March 1st, we expect to offer our customers a higher grade of

Garden Seeds

Than have ever been sold here, and will also keep in stock such garden requisites as the demand seems to call for. We propose to increase our facilities for producing

CUT FLOWERS

And to have something nice in that line to offer at all times

VegetablePlants

Will be a prominent feature: and in all departments of the nursery business we shall keep our usually full assortment, and shall make it an especial point to maintain and deserve the enviable reputation we already enjoy for strict reliability and integrity, and honest dealing.

We do not believe in that sickly sentimentality which asks for patronage in-return for past favors, or from a sense of duty, but we intend to make it for the interest of our customers.

Wm. F. Bassett & Sons,

South-Jersey Republican, Hammonton, N.J July 20, 1889



J. Murray Bassett pin for sale on ebay

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

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

301B. John M. Bassett family has been combined into the #1A William Bassett of Plymouth family.

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

491B. Frank Bassett (b. 1871) of Bridgeport, Connecticut

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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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