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[Section 1 - Welcome](#)

The following trees were added to the Bassett website database since the last newsletter:

- 109B. William Bassette of Virginia (45 individuals)
- 241B. George Bassett of Massachusetts (11 individuals)
- 307B. James Bessette of New York (17 individuals)
- 393B. Frank Bessette of New York (47 individuals)
- 519B. Jacob Bassett of Cornwall (18 individuals)
- 521B. Bassetts of Saltmills, Wexford, Ireland (19 individuals)

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 142,823

For anyone in the Chicago area, I will be giving another DNA talk on Saturday, March 4th, 2017 at the Fox Lake District Library at 10 am.



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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Mrs. Bassett of Massachusetts photograph

Below is a picture recently for sale on ebay. She is identified as Mrs. Bassett and the picture was taken at Whipple, 96 Washington Street, Boston. Can anyone identify this Mrs. Bassett?



Mrs. Bassett picture from the 1860's
Picture from Whipple, 96 Washington Street, Boston

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Section 3 – Featured Bassett: Parents of #307B George Bassett identified

George S. Bassett descends from #19B Michael Bassett as follows:

- Michael Bassett and wife Helena Van Alst
- Michael Bassett (b. 1704) and wife Lysbeth Schermerhorn
- Michael Bassett (b.1741) and wife Maria Van Vranken
- Nicholas Bassett (b. 1787) and wife Maria Shafer
- Sherman Minor Bassett (b. 1835)
- George S. Bassett

I previously had the family of George S. Bassett of Ohio documented in the #307B family. From the marriage certificate of George S. Bassett, we now know his parents' names. The mother is listed as Mosey J. Ellis. Sherman Minor Bassett was first married to Margaret Wiggins in 1848. She died in 1849. Sherman married (2) Eleanor Forte on 16 Feb 1850. Since George was born on 29 Jul 1850, it appears that George was conceived after the death of Sherman's first wife and before the marriage to his second wife. I have so far found no record of Mosey J. Ellis.

<p style="text-align: center;">In the Matter of</p> <p><i>George S. Bassett</i> and <i>Mary Ann Smith</i></p> <p>The undersigned respectfully makes application for a Marriage License for said parties, and upon oath states:</p> <p>That said <i>George S. Bassett</i> is <i>79</i> years of age, on the <i>30</i> day of <i>July</i>, 1929, his residence is <i>Mansfield, O.</i>, his place of birth is <i>Canton Co., O.</i>, his occupation is <i>Real Estate & Ins.</i>, his father's name is <i>Sherman M. Bassett</i>, his mother's maiden name was <i>Mosey J. Ellis</i>, that he was <i>not</i> previously married <i>Widower</i>, and that he has no wife living.</p> <p>That neither of said parties is an habitual drunkard, epileptic, imbecile or insane, and is not under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or narcotic drug. Said parties are not nearer of kin than second cousins, and there is no legal impediment to their marriage. It is expected that <i>F. B. Nafe</i> is to solemnize the marriage of said parties.</p> <p>Sworn to before me, and signed in my presence, this <i>23</i> day of <i>July</i>, 1929</p> <p>Consent _____ Parent By <i>Mary Ann Smith</i> Consent _____ Guardian</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PROBATE COURT, RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO</p> <p>No. <i>18875</i> MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION.</p> <p>To the Honorable Judge of the Probate Court of said County:</p> <p>That said <i>Mary Ann Smith</i> is <i>61</i> years of age, on the <i>26</i> day of <i>August</i>, 1929, her residence is <i>Mansfield</i>, Richland County, Ohio, her place of birth is <i>Richland Co., O.</i>, her occupation is <i>Iron Maker</i>, her father's name is <i>John Smith</i>, her mother's maiden name was <i>Mary Ann Stodt</i>, that she was <i>not</i> previously married, and is <i>not</i> a widow or divorced woman, her married name being _____ and that she has no husband living.</p> <p><i>Mary Ann Smith</i> <i>G. S. Bassett</i></p> <p><i>C. L. McCellan</i> Probate Judge. <i>Maynard Zeller</i> Deputy Clerk.</p>
<p>MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE. No. <i>18875</i> The State of Ohio, Richland County.</p> <p>I Do Hereby Certify, That on the <i>24</i> day of <i>July</i>, A. D. 1929, I solemnized the Marriage of Mr. <i>George S. Bassett</i> with Miss <i>Mary Ann Smith</i></p> <p>Filed and Recorded <i>July 25</i>, 1929 <i>F. B. Nafe</i> <i>Lintonville, O.</i> <i>C. L. McCellan</i> Probate Judge.</p>	

Ancestry.com marriage application showing the parents of George S. Bassett

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Section 4 – Featured Bassett: Francis Emmanuel Bassett photograph

Francis Emmanuel 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
Samuel Bassett (b. 1693) and wife Martha Pease
Cornelius Bassett (b. 1722) and wife Lydia Norton
Ebenezer Bassett (b. 1751) and wife Abigail Adams
John Bassett (b. 1793) and wife Cynthia Melissa Benjamin
Francis Emmanuel Bassett (b. 1832, died 1909)



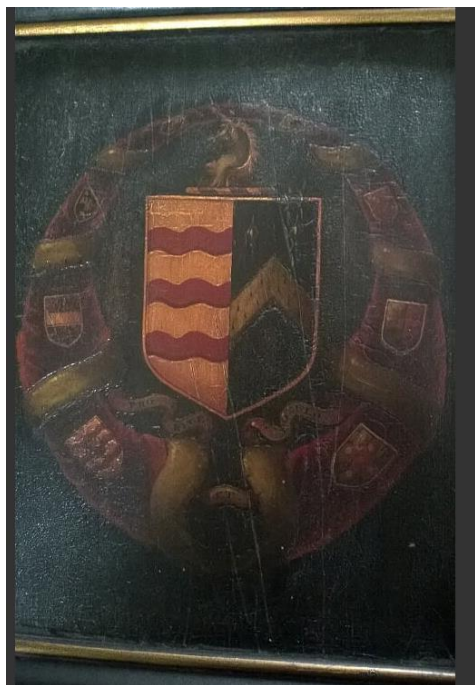
Francis Emmanuel Bassett from ancestry.com

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[Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Cornwall Bassett Family Coat of Arms for sale](#)

The painted wood panel below is for sale at an auction this weekend. It represents the Marital arms of John Bassett JP, DL (1791-1843) of Tehidy and his wife Elizabeth Mary, nee Price, daughter of Sir Rose, BT of Trengwainton.. Click on the link to read more about the sale.

<http://www.bonhams.com/auctions/23870/lot/255/?category=list&length=10&page=26>



Painted Wood panel for sale



John Francis Bassett Inn in Camborne

The John Francis Bassett Inn in Camborne also contains the same Bassett Coat of Arms.

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[Section 6 – Featured Bassett: James Bassett, Coachbuilder and Wheelwright of Wadhurst](#)

Rodney John Bassett descends from #224 John Bassett as follows:

- John Bassett (b. 1660) and wife Elizabeth Baker
- William Bassett (b. 1696) and wife Mary Medhurst
- William Bassett (b. 1729) and wife Mary Farmer
- Stephen Bassett (b. 1760) and wife Abegale
- Thomas Bassett (b. 1778) and wife Sarah Vinall
- John Bassett (b. 1813) and wife Jane Dadswell
- James Bassett (b. 1853) and wife Mary
- John Bassett (b. 1882)
- Rodney John Bassett (b. 1908)

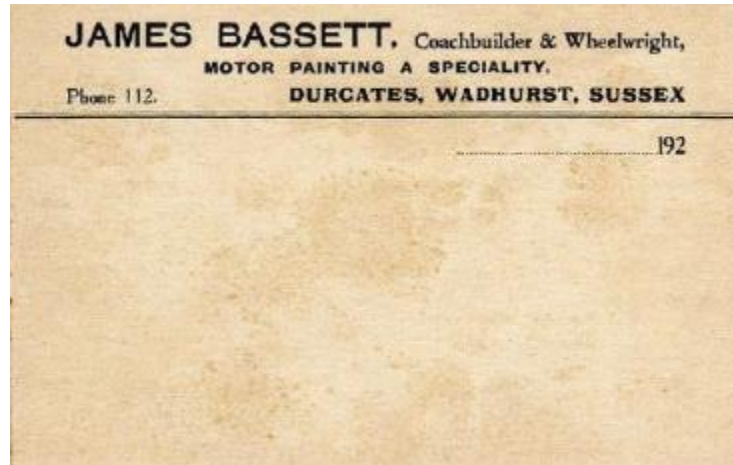


East Sussex Record Office
Administrative History

Rodney Bassett worked for the firm of J Bassett, coachbuilders, wheelwrights and blacksmiths. The business was established by James Bassett, Rodney's grandfather, at Sparrows Green in 1881, and had moved to Durgates by 1887, at first occupying premises nearly opposite the later site; the later building seems to have opened around 1902. James borrowed the money for the premises from his brother, Charles, who worked as a builder and church spire shingle in Wadhurst. James died in 1940; his sons, William (died 1936), Charles (died 1966) and John, known as Jack (died 1969), were also involved in the firm. Rodney was Jack's only son, and carried on the business until his retirement in 1988.

The Bassett family was closely associated with the Wadhurst Fire Brigade from its formation in 1900. William and Charles Bassett were founder members; William later became chief officer. Jack Bassett was also a member. Rodney joined the volunteer brigade in 1925, becoming a uniformed member in 1933. He was a part-time section-leader during the Second World War, with Wadhurst, Mark Cross, Rotherfield and Frant under his control. He was appointed sub-officer when East Sussex Fire Brigade took over in 1948, and became station officer in 1952. He retired from the brigade in February 1968.

Rodney married Violet Norah Kathleen Hartridge on 15 April 1933. They had one daughter, Sheila. Rodney died on 4 April 1992.



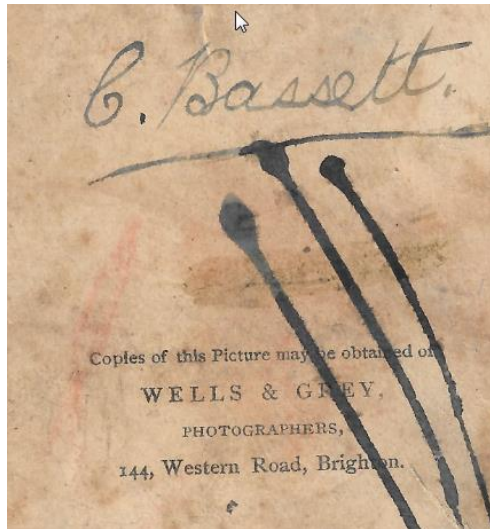
Letterhead from the 1920's

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Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Picture of Charles Bassett of Brighton, Sussex England

Charles Bassett descends from #386B Thomas Bassett of Brighton as follows:

- Thomas Bassett (b. 1790) and wife Fanny Gurr
- John Bassett (b. 1806) and wife Elizabeth
- Charles Bassett (b. 1848) and wife Emma Cossham



Picture of Charles Bassett of Brighton provided by Sharron McColl

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

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

307B. George S. Bassett of Ohio has been combined into the #19B Michael Bassett of New York line
373B. Richard Bassett of Holsworthy, Devon has been combined into the #285B William Bassett of Devonshire line
520B. Bassetts of Deddington, Oxfordshire into the #50B Bassetts of Steeple Barton, Oxfordshire, England

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

279B. Andre Bassetti/Bassett of California and Utah
507B. Samuel Bassett of Devonshire, England

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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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