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[Section 1 - Welcome](#)

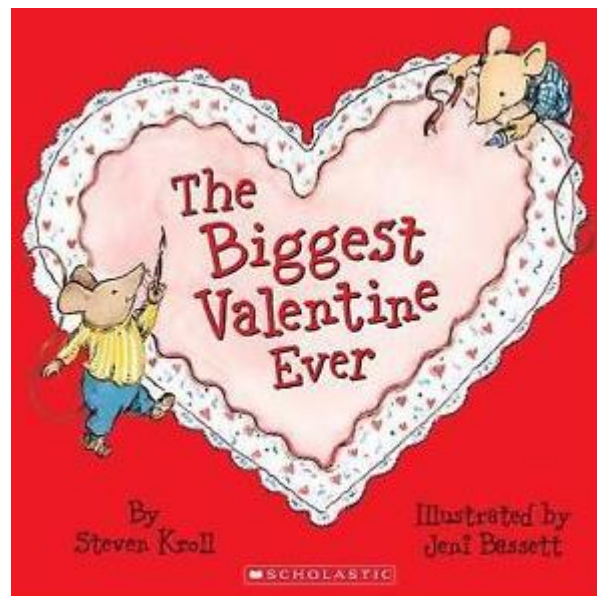
I would like to thank several long time newsletter recipients for their kind donations to the DNA project during the past month.

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

- 520B. Edgar Joseph Bessette of Washington (17 individuals)
- 522B. John Bassett of Ohio (21 individuals)
- 523B. George Bassett of New York (15 individuals)

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 143,112

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



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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: James Bassett, Illinois Attorney

I have not yet found which Bassett family James Bassett descends from. The 1860 census of Salem, Marion County, Illinois, lists him as 49 years of age, born in Ireland.

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87 Washington St., Chicago.**

Standard, Chicago, Illinois, Thursday, April 14, 1870

Nashville Journal, Nashville, Illinois, Thursday, April 28, 1870  
Death of James Bassett

Mr. Bassett died at Ashley on Sunday last, after a long illness, in the 58<sup>th</sup> years of his age. He was well known in this and neighboring counties as an Attorney, and was a man of varied and extensive knowledge. He was the author of several law books, and his ability was exhibited more in this direction than in the active practice of his profession. His judgement and opinion on all matters of law was considered sound and reliable, and he accordingly ranked among the ablest in this peculiar line of his profession. We have no personal knowledge of the greater part of his life; and over a portion we will let fall the mantle of oblivion. We presume the members of his profession will do full justice to the memory of the deceased at the appropriate time and place.

**JAMES BASSETT.**  
**Attorney and Counsellor at Law, Commissioner of  
Doeds, &c., for the State of New York, Salem,  
Ill. Office in the Court House.**

Centralia Sentinel, Illinois, Thursday, June 18, 1863

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Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Morrow, Bassett & Co. of Christchurch, New Zealand

Samuel Kennedy Bassett descends from John Bassett of County Down, Northern Ireland as follows:  
John Bassett and wife Agnes Welshman  
John Bassett and wife Mary Casement

William Bassett (b. 1797) and wife Ann Jane Parkinson  
Samuel Kennedy Bassett (b. 1840)



Family Migration to New Zealand:  
A Case Study of the Bassett Family  
Of Ballygawley, Downpatrick, Co Down  
Excerpt

The success of the Morrow Bassett company in importing agricultural machinery into Christchurch in the 1870s must have been considerable. Family anecdotes record that, such was the demand, they sold boatloads of reapers even before they had been unloaded. Sinclair writes 'the introduction of American reapers and binders led in the seventies to 'bonanza' wheat farming, which reached its peak in the early eighties when wheat accounted for nearly one-fifth of exports. For a short time parts of South Island looked like Eastern Australia or the American mid-west. As late as 1894 thirty-five reaping machines were to be seen on one farm on the Canterbury Plain.

Evidence of the Morrow and Bassett success in Christchurch must have become well known to relatives in Downpatrick over the next few years and was an encouragement to some at last to emigrate. James McClurg, a cousins of Mrs. S.K. Bassett, put his 38-acre farm at Ballygawley on the market in Jaunary 1883 and emigrated in June 1884 on the Florida, and old transport ship which had previously taken troops to India and China, and landed on September 1. He was provided with a rent free house by Sam Bassett, and Thomas Bassett (Mrs. Sarah Bassett's son) got him a job as caretaker at Plumpton Park, a mile from

Templeton, with the instructions he was to help himself to a sheep whenever he needed one. Later the Park was broken up and sold and the McClurgs lived in Richmond until Sam Bassett moved one of his Johnston Street houses to the corner of Redway Street where James cleared a section of several acres. Sam's two nephews, William and another S.K. Bassett, emigrated to Christchurch around 1890 and William married Minnie McClurg in 1894, a romance which possibly originated at home.

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#### Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Douglas Bassett and Bassett's Dairy of Bristol, Tennessee

Douglas G. 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 Deborah Bennett

Joseph Bassett (b. 1722) and wife Sarah Hawkins

Samuel Bassett (b. 1766) and wife Sally Atwell

Clark Bassett (b. 1810) and wife Mary Melvina Hanford

George S. Bassett (b. 1856) and wife Ida Juliana Griffith

Clark Blakesley Bassett (b. 1900) and wife Bonnie

Douglas G. Bassett



Bristol Herald Courier, Virginia, Friday, January 20, 2017  
Douglas "Doug" G. Bassett

Douglas "Doug" G. Bassett, age 88, of Bristol, Tenn., passed away Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at N.H.C. Healthcare of Johnson City. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clark B. and Bonnie Whitehead Bassett; his first wife, Joanne Bassett; his daughter, Jayne; two brothers, Clark and George; and one sister, June. He was the owner of Bassett's Dairy and a member of First

Presbyterian Church where he served as a deacon and an elder but currently attended Walnut Grove Presbyterian Church. Doug served his community in many capacities during his lifetime. Survivors include his wife, Sally Keirstead Bassett; two daughters, Janet Clark and husband, John of Elizabethton, Tenn. and Barbara Allen and husband, Charles of Johnson City, Tenn.; two sons, Gerry Bassett and wife, Amy of Hixson, Tenn. and Blake Bassett and wife, Laura of Bristol, Tenn.; three stepdaughters, Denise Keirstead of Oak Ridge, Tenn., Dana Billington and husband, Ralph of Uxbridge, MA and Kathy Lambert and husband, Keith of Maryville, Tenn.; two stepsons, Robert Keirstead and wife, Leanne of Lebanon, Ill. and Michael Keirstead and wife, Coley of Suwanee, Ga.; twenty-one grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. The funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m., Saturday, January 21, 2017, at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. David Welch and the Rev. John Markel officiating. The burial will follow in Glenwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12 to 1 p.m., prior to the service and also after the service. The family would like to thank the staff of N.H.C. Healthcare of Johnson City and his special caregiver, Dorothy Wilson for their care of Doug. Memorials may be sent to a charity of one's choice. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at [akardfuneralhome.com](http://akardfuneralhome.com). Akard Funeral Home, (423) 989-4800 is serving the Bassett family.

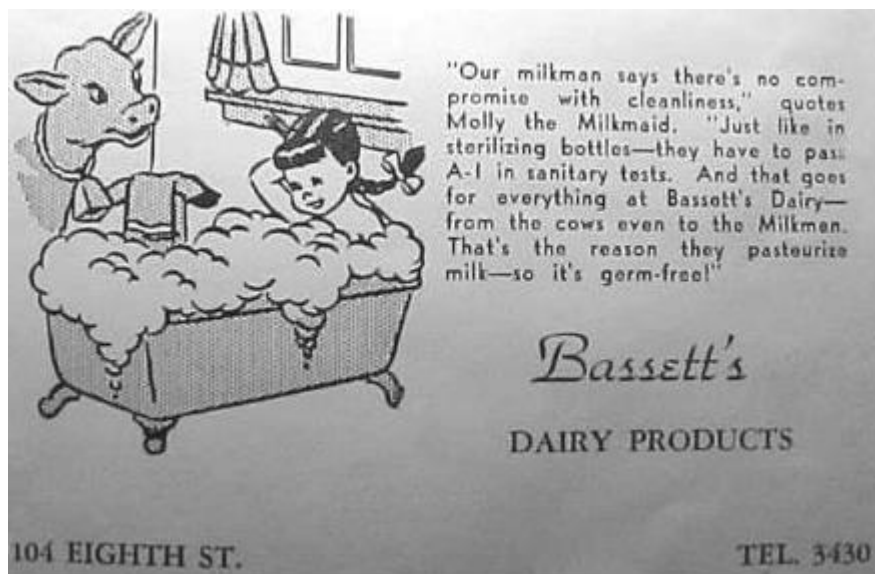


Image from Bristol Dairies webpage by Charlie Barnette

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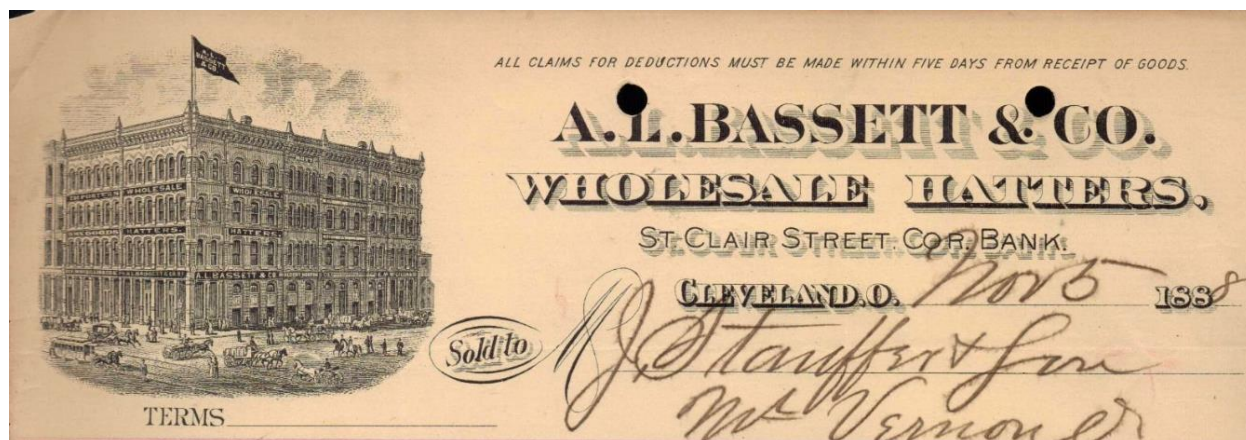
Section 5 - Featured Bassett: A.L. Bassett & Co. Billhead

Ansel L. Bassett descends from #6B William Bassett of CT as follows:  
 William Bassett and wife Hannah Dickerman  
 John Bassett and wife Mercy Todd  
 Joseph Bassett and wife Miriam Bradley  
 Joel Bassett and wife Mary  
 Justus Bassett and wife Beulah Tuttle  
 Allen Bassett and wife Jemima C. Mann  
 Ansel L. Bassett



This line was first featured in the June 2006 newsletter. Click on the link below to see more details.

<http://www.bassettbranches.org/newsletters/2006/200606/200606.shtml>



A.L. Bassett & Co. Billhead for sale on ebay

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#### Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Harvey Simon Bassett of Tuscola, Illinois Store Owner

Harvey Simon Bassett descends from #6B William Bassett of CT as follows:

William Bassett and wife Hannah Dickerman

John Bassett (b. 1652) and wife Mercy Todd

John Bassett (b. 1691) and wife Elizabeth Thompson

William Bassett (b. 1718) and wife Mabel Goodyear

Jared Bassett (b. 1749) and wife Sarah Goodyear

Jared Bassett (b. 1772) and wife

Jonathan Bassett (b. 1797) and wife Rachel Hewett

Dr. Jonathan Harvey Bassett (b. 1829) and wife Euretta Taylor Flanders

Harvey Simon Bassett (b. 1859) and wife Belle R. Hunt

#### HARVEY S. BASSETT, AT THE AGE OF 98

Harvey S. Bassett, one of Douglas county's oldest residents, died in Martin nursing home at 5:45 p.m. February 20 at the age of 98. He had been in failing health for some two years and a patient in the nursing home for 18 months.

Services were at 10 a.m. February 22 in Waddington funeral home with Rev. Gordon Engstrom officiating. Music was by Ted Cox.

The pallbearers were W.F. Ellis, Bruce Williams, Wendell Warren, Roy Hopkins, H.B. Bowles, and O.J. Bowles. Burial was in Tuscola cemetery.

Mr. Bassett was born September 25, 1859 and was said to be the second child born in Tuscola. His parents were Dr. H.J. and Euretta Flanders Bassett. The Bassetts were natives of Vermont. An uncle, Simon G. Bassett, came to Tuscola in 1855 to become the first postmaster and station agent. He prevailed on the brother to become Tuscola's first physician.

Mr. Bassett was married February 27, 1887 to Belle R. Hunt of Terre Haute. They had one son, Frank, who died in the typhoid epidemic in Tuscola in 1916 at the age of 22. Mrs. Bassett died in Jun 1940.

Mr. Bassett operated a Victrola and sporting goods store in Tuscola and was in business a total of 65 years. He retired in 1946.

His only survivors are two nephews, Ralph and Jesse Bassett, both of Tuscola.



**Bassett Store** – H. S. Bassett was the proprietor of this store located on West Sale Street. Mr. Bassett sold the first Victor Talking Machine in the state of Illinois in 1893. He carried a complete line of Victrolas, Victor records and all sporting goods.

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[Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Patents of Norman C. Bassett of Chicago, Illinois](#)

Norman Carl Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth

Nathaniel Bassett (b. 1628) and wife Dorcas Joyce

Samuel Bassett (b. 1670) and wife Elizabeth Jones

Samuel Bassett (b. 1700) and wife Alice Weaver

Samuel Bassett (b. 1740) and wife Tabitha Waite  
John Bassett (b. 1770) and wife Clarissa Kellogg  
Charles Rogers Bassett (b. 1808) and wife Maria Jane Frieze  
Norman Carl Bassett (b. 1855) and wife Helen Besler

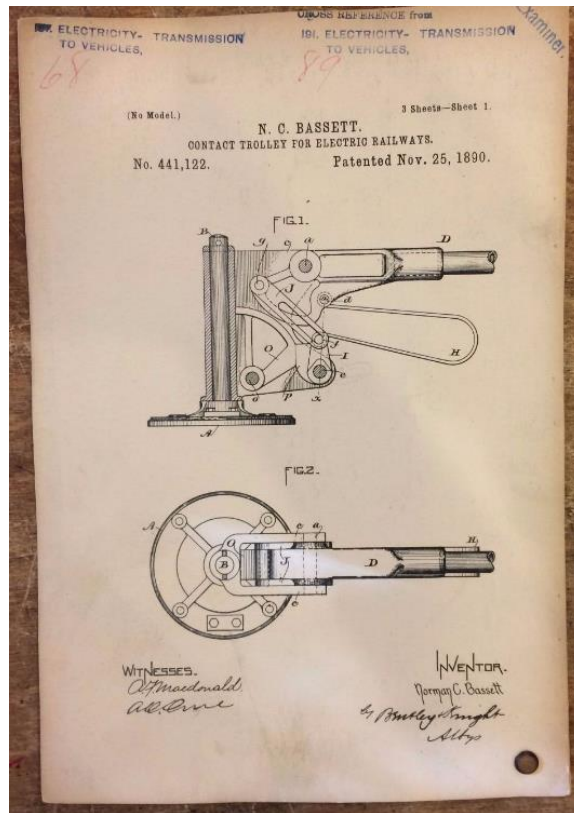
**UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.**

NORMAN C. BASSETT, OF LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS, ASSIGNOR TO THE THOMSON-HOUSTON ELECTRIC COMPANY, OF CONNECTICUT.

**CONTACT-TROLLEY FOR ELECTRIC RAILWAYS.**

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 441,122, dated November 25, 1890.  
Application filed July 21, 1890. Serial No. 359,400. (No model.)

*To all whom it may concern:*  
Be it known that I, NORMAN C. BASSETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lynn, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Contact-Trolleys for Electric Railways, of which the following is a specification.



1890 patent for N.C. Bassett



Elkhart Weekly Review, Indiana, Saturday, August 8, 1908  
Had Worked Too Hard  
Manager of an Allis-Chalmers Department Found Wandering  
with \$50,000 on His Person

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 7 - His mind unbalanced by work and heat Norman C. Bassett, aged fifty, manager of a department of the Allis-Chalmers plant, wandered for several hours about town until a patrolman took him to the police station. He carried a sachel which was found to contain \$50,000 in money, bonds and other negotiable papers, when opened at the emergency hospital.

When taken into custody Bassett talked incoherently, was unable to tell the officers anything about himself, even his name, and imagined he was in a strange foreign city pursued by thieves. Bassett is a bachelor, and enthusiastic golfer, being a member of the Blue Mound and Country clubs, and a man of means.

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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.

- 522B. John Bassett of Rockport, Cuyahoga County, New York
- 523B. George Bassett of Granville, Washington County, New York

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Section 9 - DNA project update.

Results from two DNA kits were received this month. Results matched up to others in the same family group.

Kit #597241 Descendant of #8B John Bassett of New Jersey

597241	#8B John Bassett of New Jersey	13	25	17	12	13	17	11	13	11	12	11	28	15	8	10	10	12	24	15	19	31	14	14	15	16	10	9	19	19	14	14	16	19	34	36	12	10
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Kit #591876 Descendant of William Bassett of Plymouth through middle son Nathaniel Bassett.

591876	#1A William Bassett of Plymouth	13	23	14	11	10	14	12	12	13	13	29	17	9	10	11	11	24	15	19	30	15	16	18	18	11	10	19	23	16	15	17	18	36	39	13	12
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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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