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[Section 1 - Welcome](#)

I will be travelling on business in April to Indiana and during that trip I will be giving another DNA talk at the Shelbyville-Shelby County Library in Indiana on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. I hope to see some of my relatives there!

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

524B. Frank Bassett of Massachusetts (24 individuals)

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 143,585



My last DNA project talk

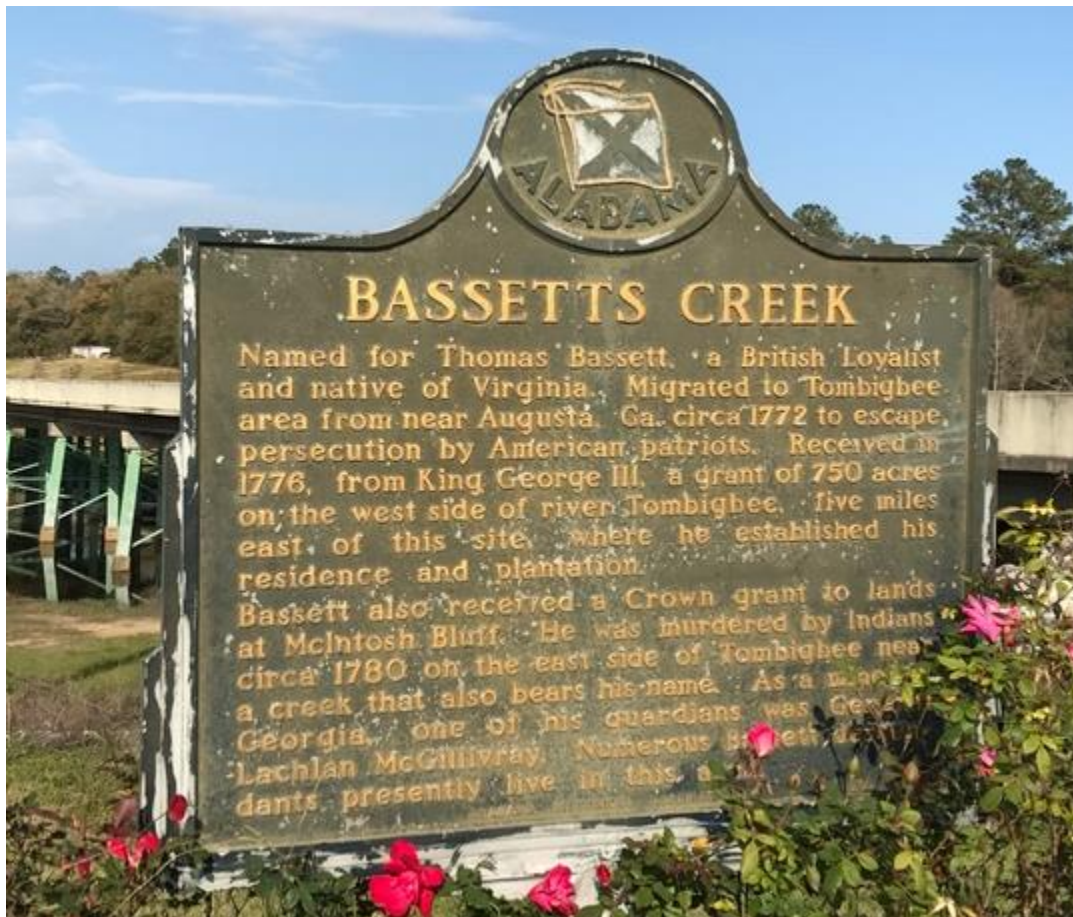
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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Thomas Bassett of Bassett's Creek, Alabama

Thomas Bassett descends from #2B Thomas Bassett of Virginia as follows:

Thomas Bassett (b. 1617) and wife Mary  
William Bassett (b. 1643)  
Thomas Bassett (b. 1668) and wife Elinor  
Thomas Bassett (b. 1696) and wife Lydia Howle  
Thomas Bassett (b. 1737)

While on a business trip to our paper mill in Jackson, Alabama, I drove right by the sign below.



Bassett's Creek, Alabama

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Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Bassett's Art Shop of Perry, New York

Melvin I. Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth  
Joseph Bassett (b. 1635) and wife Mary Lapham  
William Bassett (b. 1667) and wife Sarah Sweetland  
William Bassett (b. 1694) and wife Mary Crossman  
William Bassett (b. 1726) and wife Lydia Fisher  
James Bassett (b. 1765) and wife Elizabeth Blackwell  
Elijah Bassett (b. 1791) and wife Eliza Sherman  
Charles Sherman Bassett (b. 1842) and wife Loretta Janette Agard  
William Agard Bassett (b. 1877) and wife Mabel S. Thurston  
Melvin I. Bassett (b. 1904) and wife Mildred Chase



Perry Record, Perry, New York, June 17, 1916

The Buffalo News, New York, 16 Nov 1995  
Mildred Chase Bassett

Services for Mildred Chase Bassett, 89, formerly of West Silver Lake, will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday in Eaton-Watson Funeral Home, 59 Lake St., Perry. Mrs. Bassett died Sunday (Nov. 11, 1995) in Wyoming County Nursing Facility, Warsaw. Born in the Town of Portage, Livingston County, she was employed for many years at the former Royce, Wright/Rockwell Store in Perry. During World War II, she was a Red Cross volunteer, folding bandages and knitting. She had assisted her husband, Melvin I., in his photography business. He died in 1969. Mrs. Bassett was a member of Perry Methodist Church. Surviving are a daughter, Bette Wardle of Massachusetts, and two grandchildren.

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Section 4 - Featured Bassett: William Bassett Jr. of Licking County, Ohio Obituary

William Bassett Jr. 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  
William Bassett (b. 1711) and wife Lydia Smith  
Nathan Bassett (b. 1739) and wife Mary Bassett  
William Bassett (b. 1770) and wife Olivia Tilton  
William Bassett (b. 1809) and wife Permelia Skeels

Western Christian Advocate, Cincinnati, Ohio, Friday, January 8, 1847  
July 10 - William Bassett Jr.

He was born in Charleston, Montgomery county, N.Y., in May 1808. In 1833 he came to Ohio; and in 1840, and at a camp meeting held at York-Street, at Granville circuit, Licking county, O., he was awakened to a sense of his lost condition, as a sinner, under a discourse delivered by the Rev. Thomas Perkins. He discovered that he had been seeking almost every thing else, but never yet had been happy. He had, from a child, been reared under the influence of Universalism, and embraced it as a favorite system; but when awakened to his situation as a sinner, he resolved to lay aside his false theory, and seek salvation by faith alone. This he experienced to his comfort. After a lapse of sometime, he became cold in religion, and to some extent lost its enjoyment, but never entirely his confidence. Some time last winter, he was taken with an affection of the lungs, which terminated his earthly career. During his affliction he was patient and tranquil, often praising the Lord for the prospect of a blissful immortality.

George Hanawalt

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Section 5 - Featured Bassett: The Bassett Home of Fennville, Michigan

Marcia 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  
Nathan Bassett (b. 1685) and wife Mary Stetson  
Nathan Bassett (b. 1715) and wife Thankful Fuller  
Nathan Bassett (b. 1750) and wife Mary Bourne  
Nathan Bassett (b. 1793) and wife Maria Houck  
Elisha Bourne Bassett (b. 1822) and wife Anne E. Lawrence  
Charles E. Bassett (b. 1864) and wife Carrie Kingsley  
Marcia Bassett

Some may remember the picture of the Bassett Home below from the October 2012 newsletter. It was the home of Charles E. Bassett and his wife Carrie Kingsley. Here is a link to the original story.

<http://www.bassettbranches.org/newsletters/2012/10/201210.shtml>



While on vacation two summers ago, I decided to see if I could find the house while touring Michigan wine country. I was pleasantly surprised to find the home and see it was still in very nice shape. It has been turned into the Kingsley House Bed & Breakfast.



Picture of Kingsley House



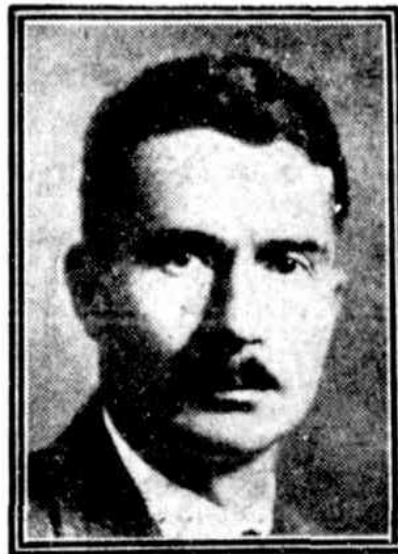
<http://www.kingsleyhouse.com/>

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Section 6 - Featured Bassett: John Bassett of Canada

John Bassett descends from #42B Edward Charles Bassett as follows:

Edward Charles Bassett and wife Elizabeth Tough  
John Bassett (b. 1886)



The Daily Mail, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, Tuesday, 15 September 1925  
Mr. John Bassett, Canada

John Bassett, who was born in Omagh, County Tyrone, Ireland, of Scotch-Irish parents, 39 years ago, was educated at the Christian Brothers' Schools of Ireland and the Royal University of Ireland. He came to Canada in 1909, and shortly after entered the employment of the Montreal "Gazette" as a junior reporter. After a period of four years, in 1913 he was taken into partnership in the capacity of a director of the Montreal Gazette Printing

Company, and in 1920 was appointed vice president of the same company, of which Senator Smeaton White, of Montreal, is the president.

Mr. Bassett divides his time and his duties between Montreal, which is the head office of his newspaper, and Ottawa, which is the Federal capital of the Dominion. He maintains his residence in Ottawa, and although actively engaged in the business end of the newspaper and printing plant, has never given up his position as Parliamentary correspondent for the "Gazette", to which he was appointed in 1911, and early in the present year was elected president of the Parliamentary Press Gallery. He is attending the Imperial Press Conference in his capacity as vice-president of the Montreal "Gazette" and also as president of the Parliamentary Press Gallery of Canada, which embraces many of the leading political writers of Canada.

During the war, he served in the capacity of Staff Major to Lieutenant General the late Sir Sam Hughes, K.C.B, Minister of Militia and Defense for Canada from 1911 to 1916. During the early days of the war, he was associated as Staff Officer with the late Sir Sam Hughes in the organization of not only the First Canadian Division, but also in the organization of the remaining three Divisions which eventually took the field, making up the Canadian Corps. At the present time, he is on the reserve of officers of the Governor General's Foot Guards, and was decorated by the Belgian Government for certain war services rendered.

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#### Section 7 - Featured Bassett: The Missing Case of Abraham Ellsworth Bassett

Marcia Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth  
Nathaniel Bassett (b. 1628) and wife Dorcas Joyce  
Nathan Bassett (b. 1677) and wife Mary Crowell  
Nathaniel Bassett (b. 1712) and wife Sarah Chase  
Samuel Bassett (b. 1746) and wife Peninnah Bassett  
John Bassett (b. 1770) and wife Mercy Ellis  
Stephen Bassett (b. 1801) and wife Hepsibah Eldredge  
Eli E. Bassett (b. 1834) and wife Anna Ross Young  
Abraham E. Bassett (b. 1859) and wife Sarah E.

I was unable to find Abraham in any census after 1880. The 1900 census of New York lists his wife with three daughters.

The County Review, Riverhead, New York, November 30, 1917  
Bassett Is Alive; Was Declared Dead  
Disappeared From Westhampton Home 22 Years Ago; Wife Hasn't Heard From Him  
He Was Alive November 10  
Justice Morschauser Directed Mutual Benefit Association to Pay  
Mrs. Bassett Insurance Money

Abraham Ellsworth Bassett, who disappeared from this home at Westhampton about thirty-two years ago and who was declared legally dead by Justice Joseph Morschauser in the Supreme Court here on October 15, was alive as late as November 10, according to an affidavit made by Charles Carson, a towboatman of East Boston, who has been an intimate acquaintance of Bassett for more than 20 years.

Carson states that he received a letter from Bassett on November 14,

which was dated November 10, and which was written from Newport News, Va. Bassett was then employed as a cook on a barge running between Fall River and Newport News. Carson says the last time he saw Bassett was at the American House, East Boston, on October 25.

Arthur McFarlane, a carpenter, of East Boston, made an affidavit that he knew Bassett and had lived in the same house with him in East Boston for several years and that he had seen and talked with the latter at the American House in that city on October 25.

Herbert E. Higgins, of Summerville, Mass., an inspector of the Waterways Commission, who married Bassett's sister, has sworn that he was speaking with Bassett at the American House in East Boston on October 1.

Mrs. Sarah E. Bassett, wife of the missing man, brought an action at the October term of the Supreme Court here against the Mutual Benefit Association of Suffolk County to collect the \$1,000 insurance policy covering the life of her husband. Mrs. Bassett testified that she was married to Bassett on June 20, 1882, and that she lived with him up to the time he disappeared, in or about the year 1885. She stated that he left Westhampton in the latter year and she had never heard of him since his departure. According to Mrs. Bassett's testimony her husband came to Long Island from Norwich, Mass., and after his departure she made inquiries to ascertain where he was, but her efforts were unsuccessful. Mrs. Bassett declared that Everett Bassett, brother of her husband, had not heard from the latter for nineteen years and that his sister, Mrs. A.L. Moody, had not heard from him for a period of several years. The Mutual Benefit Association had no proof at that time to show that Bassett was alive, so Justice Morschauser decided that Bassett was dead and that Mrs. Bassett was entitled to the \$1,000 and her directed that the association pay her the money forthwith. Mrs. Bassett had paid the assessments on the policy since her husband disappeared.

After the trial of the action George W. Hildreth and John Bagshaw, attorney and secretary, respectively, of the Mutual Benefit Association, were informed that Bassett was alive and resided near Boston, so Secretary Bagshaw, acting under instructions from the board of directors of the association, went to Monemet and Summerville, Mass., and obtained the affidavits which show that Bassett was alive up to within a few weeks ago. It is also stated that a member of Bassett's family had visited him within the past seven or eight years and that this relative had received postals form him within the past two years. The association withheld the payment of the insurance money pending an investigation of these reports.

Lawyer Hildreth has obtained a court order for Mrs. Bassett to show cause at a special term of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn on November 30, shy the judgement declaring her husband legally dead and directing the association to pay her the insurance money should not be vacated.

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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.

524B. Frank Bassett of Massachusetts

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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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