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[Section 1 - Welcome](#)

No new trees were added this month.

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 144,402



If you know anything about who made the clock above, please let me know.

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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Arthur Crawford Basset of Watermouth Castle

Arthur descends from Eleanora Basset as follows:

Eleanora Basset and husband John Davie
Joseph Davie Basset and wife Mary Irwin
Arthur Davie Basset (b. 1801) and wife Harriet Sarah Crawforth
Rev. Arthur Crawford Davie Basset (b. 1830, d. 1880)



Old Postcard of Watermouth Castle

Monmouthshire Merlin, 30 Apr 1880
Fatal Accident To A Devonshire Gentleman

A fatal accident occurred in North Devon a few days since to Arthur Crawford Bassett, Esq., of Watermouth Castle, near Ilfracombe. He was riding a horse in the road, near his residence. The horse stumbled and Mr. Bassett was thrown, pitching on his head and breaking his neck. Death was instantaneous. Mr. Bassett represented an old Devonshire family. It is reported that he has left a property worth half a million. Mr. Bassett was aged about 50, and unmarried.

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Section 3 – Featured Bassett: James Henry Taylor Bassett of New Zealand

James Henry Taylor Bassett descends from #73B James Bassett as follows:

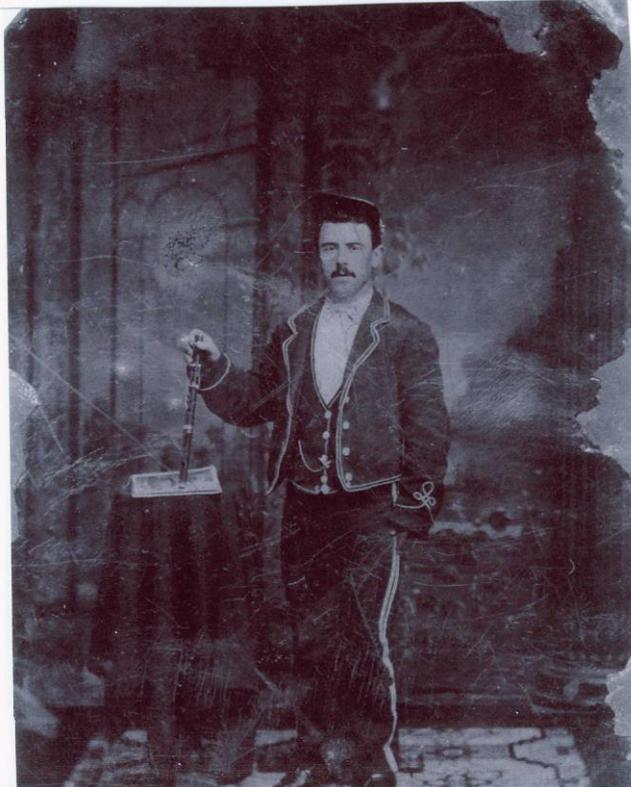
James Bassett and wife Elizabeth

John Bassett (b. 1773) and wife Mary Hopkins

Alfred Bassett (b. 1810) and wife Mary Ann Thompson

Alfred Bassett (b. 1834) and wife Ellen Eliza Taylor

James Henry Taylor Bassett (b. 1859) and wife Jessie Ann Smith



James Henry Taylor Bassett of ancestry.com

New Zealand Herald, 14 March 1930
Deaths

BASSETT - On March 13, 1930, at his son's residence, Titirangi Road, New Lynn, James, beloved husband of the late Jessie Ann Bassett and late of Auckland Trams Board staff, aged 70 years.

The funeral will leave the above address at 2 p.m. tomorrow (Saturday) for Waikumele Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation.



I N B A N K R U P T C Y .
IN THE COURT OF BANKRUPTCY, HOLDEN AT
AUCKLAND.

In the matter of the Bankruptcy Act, 1883, and
of the Bankruptcy of JAMES HENRY
TAYLOR BASSETT.

Notice is hereby given that I, James Henry
Taylor Bassett, of Wellington-street, in the City of
Auckland, in New Zealand, Coachpainter, have this
day filed, in the said Court at Auckland, a petition
to be adjudged a Bankrupt.

Dated this 31st day of May, 1886.
J. H. T. BASSETT.

R. L. SKERN, Debtor's Solicitor, High-street, Auck-
land.

New Zealand Herald, June 1, 1886



I N B A N K R U P T C Y .
IN THE COURT OF BANKRUPTCY, HOLDEN AT
AUCKLAND.

In the matter of the Bankruptcy Act, 1883, and
of the amendments thereof, and of the Bank-
ruptcy of JAMES HENRY TAYLOR BAS-
SETT, of Auckland, Coachpainter, a Bank-
rupt.

Notice is hereby given that the first General Meet-
ing of Creditors will be held at my Office, Star Build-
ings, Fort-street, in the City of Auckland, on MON-
DAY, the 7th day of June, 1886, at twelve o'clock.
Proof of debt must be furnished prior to
the meeting. Proxy forms can be obtained at my
office. No proof can be admitted, except under order
of the Court, after the expiration of four months from
the date of the filing of the petition. Accounts sent
in unsupported by proof of debt as prescribed by law
cannot be recognised.

Dated this 31st day of May, 1886.
JOHN LAWSON,
Official Assignee in Bankruptcy.

R. L. SKERN, High-street, Auckland, Solicitor for
the Bankrupt.

New Zealand Herald, Jun3 1, 1886

Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Death of Major Basset of Beaupre

William West Basset descends from #292 Sir Elias Basset of St. Hilary, Wales as follows:
Sir Elias Basset (b. 1320) and wife Margaret
John Basset (b. 1350) and wife Joan
Thomas Basset (b. 1380) and wife Alice Marcross
John Basset (b. 1410) and wife Gwennlian
Jenkin Basset (b. 1445) and wife Jennet Morgan
William Basset (b. 1477) and wife Catherine Fleming
William Basset (b. 1510) and wife Catherine Mansel
Richard Basset (b. 1535) and wife Mary Bowen
Edward Basset (b. 1556) and wife Catherine Carne
William Basset (b. 1578) and wife Cecil Vaughan
Sir Richard Basset (b. 1602) and wife Elizabeth Vanne
Sir Richard Basset (b. 1638) and wife Philippa Campbell
Richard Basset and wife Barbara Bainbrigge
Henry Basset (b. 1710) and wife Catherine Bainbrigge
Thomas Basset (b. 1756) and wife Elizabeth Cruikshanks
Isabella Basset (b. 1808) and husband Col. William Bruce
William West James Bruce Basset

Cardiff and Merthyr Guardian, Glamorgan, Wales, 21 October 1871
Death of Major Basset, of Beaupre

We regret to announce that Major Basset, of Beaupre, died at his
temporary residence in London on Monday last, after a long and painful

illness. The deceased gentleman, in consequence of his failing health, was not very generally known, but in the immediate neighbourhood of Beaupre and Cowbridge he was highly respected. Major Basset was a relative of the late Mr. Daniel Jones, of Beaupre, the founder of the Cardiff Infirmary. Mr. Jones had no family, and on the death of Mr. Jones the property fell into the hands of the Bassets. In 1865 Major Basset succeeded to the Beaupre estate, and also to the Lordship of the Manor of Beaupre. Major Bassett was the eldest son of Lieut. Colonel Bruce, K.H., formerly of the 79th Highlanders, and grandson to Colonel Thomas Basset, of the 5th Fusiliers. He was born in 1830, and on attaining his majority joined the army, soon afterwards becoming captain of the 74th Highlanders. The gallant officer was in the Kaffir War, and while leading on his regiment was wounded in the shoulder. On his return to England he attained the rank of Major, and soon afterwards retired from active service. In 1867, two years after taking up his residence at Beaupre, he was made one of the magistrates of the county, and often sat on the bench in the Cowbridge division, but his failing health prevented his taking any very active part in the management of the affairs of the county. As a neighbor he was most kind and generous, and by his death the poor have lost one who never failed to relieve want when it became known to him.

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Section 5 - Featured Bassett: General Isaac Charles Mifflin Bassett of Pennsylvania

While on a business trip to Hanover, Pennsylvania last week, I had a chance to tour the Gettysburg Civil War Battlefield.

I found the following on the State of Pennsylvania War memorial honoring all soldiers from Pennsylvania who fought at Gettysburg.



Isaac Charles Mifflin Bassett was a Colonel in charge of the 82nd Pennsylvania Infantry. He was promoted to General before the end of the Civil War.

Isaac was from Philadelphia, but I have so far been unable to determine placement into the correct Bassett family.

OBITUARY.—General Isaac Bassett died on Saturday afternoon, at his residence in this city. Deceased was Colonel of the Eighty-second Pennsylvania Regiment, and was reported to have been killed while planting the flag on the heights of St. Mary, in Virginia, at which time many eulogies were printed in respect to his death. At a subsequent period he was promoted for his bravery to the rank of Major-General, and placed in charge of Johnson's Island, having command of the prisoners there. He served throughout the entire war. General Bassett was a native of this city, and his sudden death will be deplored by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.



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Section 6 - Featured Bassett: William Bassett of Yates County, New York

William Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth, Massachusetts as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth

William Bassett (b. 1624) and wife Mary Raynesford

Nathan Bassett (b. 1667) and wife Mary Huckens

William Bassett (b. 1702) and wife Anna Mayhew

Fortunatus Bassett (b. 1742) and wife Sarah Bassett

William Bassett (b. 1772) and wife Anna Blair

Yates County, Newspaper, 1930
WM. Basset Early Rushville Settler
Helped Found Congregational Church

The family names and stories' connected with the early history of Rushville are of interest to all her sons and daughters, yet how few of the former are now listed among her inhabitants, and how seldom do we find new information concerning any of them.

The names of Mower, Sawyer, Morse, and Reed have gone entirely from this community; the names of Loomis, Blair, Holton, Green, Whitman and Pratt are still heard, although not always descended from the early settlers of those names; and the names Gilbert and Bassett are perpetuated only as names of two of Rushville's streets, yet by families of these names, with a few others, were the first homes made in the wilderness.

Among these earliest settlers was William Bassett, one of the founders of Rushville Congregational church, and the first school teacher in what is now Potter. Although four of his sons and six of his daughters grew to manhood and womanhood in this village, the only descendant now residing in this section is Mrs. Frank Becker of Vine Valley; and her brother, Oscar Bassett of Rochester, is the only one of the name near here.

The name of William Bassett is one of those most often mentioned in the early records of village history; and the following obituary printed in 1862 on his death has recently been found in an old scrapbook:

An Octogenarian Gone

Died at Rushville, February 11, 1862, William Bassett, Esq., in his 90th year.

He was a native of Martha's Vineyard, Mass., and was four years old when independence was declared. His father was an officer in the war of the Revolution in which he made great sacrifices and suffered much. He was in the Battle of Saratoga and the taking of Burgoyne. In the winter of 1780 [sic 1778] which was the coldest ever known in this country, he was engaged in the service on an armed vessel which was overtaken with a snowstorm with such extreme cold that the vessel became wholly unmanageable from the large accumulations of ice upon her deck's and in her rigging, and though near the shore so that her alarm guns were heard on the land, no help could reach them, and after suffering beyond the powers of language to describe for some days, 74 of the sufferers froze to death among whom was the father of the deceased. His body was obtained and found a resting place among the graves of the Pilgrims of the Mayflower at Plymouth Rock, from whom he was a lineal descendant.

At the age of 16 the deceased (William Bassett) accompanied an uncle to Westmoreland, a few miles west of the city of Utica, through which he passed when there were but two small houses where the city now stands. Here in the wilderness he attended the first religious meeting ever held in the country, and which he always remembered with interest.

In 1793, then being 21 years old; he left Westmoreland for a settlement; near Rushville, then the town of Augusta. Being guided by trails and Indian paths, he missed his way at Seneca Falls and reached Palmyra before he discovered his mistake. On reaching the place of his destination, he found but one white family in the present limits of the village, with a goodly number of Indian wigwams, which were more or less occupied by the natives of the forest.

At that early day he selected and purchased a most beautiful tract of (figures blurred) acres of land on which a part of the village of Rushville now stands, which he occupied and with his own hands made into one of the most desirable and valuable farms in the county, which he continued to own and to occupy till his death, a term of over 65 years.

He lived to see a beautiful village with its churches and schools spring up where he had seen only the wild Indian and the wild animals and the poisonous reptiles of the forest. In bringing about this great change, he contributed a most important share. Here he became the father of 12 children, 10 of whom lived to mature age; one of the latter is now the worthy county clerk.

He is still remembered by some of the oldest inhabitants as the first school teacher to whom they are indebted for their first rudimental instruction. In all the enterprises for the development of the county, in business, religion and education, he always took his full share of responsibility and sacrifice. He held many offices of trust, both military and civil, in which he made himself very useful, and especially as a peacemaker.

Esquire Bassett made a profession of religion in early life and united with the Congregational church whose polity he cherished with especial regard to the end of his pilgrimage. He was always earnest, sincere and active in all his religious duties, believing that Christianity could never make compromises with sin. He embraced all reforms that promised to improve the condition of men and to make them better. Slavery and intemperance never found favor with him.

With a vigorous constitution, and being temperate and regular in all his habits and thus obeying the laws of his being, he was enabled to reach a good old age, and at last yielded up life as the candle goeth out without a struggle. Having lived the life of the righteous, he died the death of the righteous and has gone to his reward. His memory will long be cherished with tender affection by the bereaved family, by the church, and by a large circle of friends and citizens.

— Rushville Editor.

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[Section 7 - Featured Bassett: George Sidney Bassett, World War I Soldier](#)

George Sidney Bassett descends from #180B William Bassett of Kent, England as follows:

William Bassett

William Bassett (b. 1683) and wife Ester Sheath

John Bassett (b. 1711) and wife Elizabeth Philpot

John Bassett (b. 1744) and wife Elizabeth Bennett

James Bassett (b. 1770) and wife Mary Seager

George Bassett (b. 1808) and wife Sarah Knight

Charles Bassett (b. 1840) and wife Ann Parsons

Charles Bassett (b. 1861) and wife Adelaide Elizabeth Lock

George Sidney Bassett (b. 1892) died 6 Jul 1917.



George Sidney Bassett 1892-1917

George Sidney Bassett is buried in Duisans British Cemetery in Etrun, France.

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

No new lines have been added or combined since the last newsletter.

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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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