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Section 1 - Welcome

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

533B. Thomas Bassett of Gloucestershire, England (69 individuals added)

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 145,740



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[Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Richard Bassett Records, Silver Springs, MD](#)

Can anyone identify the Richard Bassett of Richard Bassett Records, Silver Spring, Maryland?

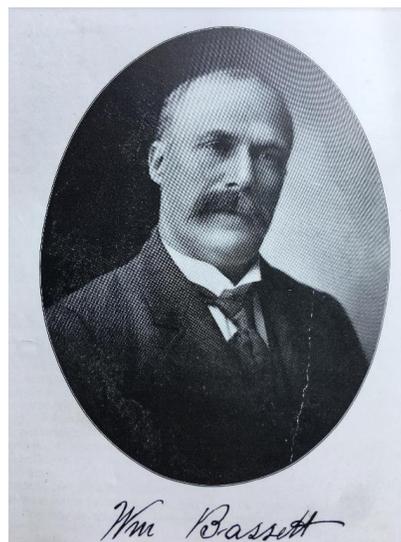


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[Section 3 - Featured Bassett: William Bassett of Wales and California](#)

William Bassett descends from #117B Charles Bassett of Cowbridge, Wales as follows:

- Charles Bassett (b. 1702)
- Thomas Bassett (d. 1786) and wife Jane Leyson
- Richard Bassett (b. 1774) and wife Elizabeth Edmunds
- John Bassett (b. 1805) and wife Elizabeth Francis
- William Bassett (b. 1857)



History of the State of California and Biographical Record of Coast Counties
By prof. J.M. Guinn, A.M. (1904)
William Bassett

A resident of the United States since 1875, William Bassett was born in the southern part of Wales June 12, 1857, a son of John and Elizabeth (Francis) Bassett. John Bassett owned a small farm in Wales, where he carried on a general farming business, devoting a portion of his land to gardening, supplying the nearby markets. William Bassett grew up on this farm, attending the village school, and leading much the same life as other farmer lads, imbibing a love for the free life of the open country which has never left him, and which has led him in his later years to follow the example of his father and make farming and kindred occupations his life work. In May, 1875, when eighteen years of age, he followed to this country his two brothers, Thomas and David, who had already taken up farms in Tomales township, Marin county, this state. He made the long and in some respects perilous journey across water and plains alone, so far as relatives were concerned, and after reaching Tomales engaged as a dairy hand, working some years at the business, until he was able to embark in that line on his own account, purchasing his present farm for the purpose in 1889. This farm consists of two hundred and sixty-four acres, in addition to which he rents one hundred and eighty-six acres adjoining. Besides his dairy, to supply the requirements of which he milks on an average of seventy Jersey and Durham cows, he conducts an extensive chicken farm. He has at this time three thousand laying chickens, mostly of the White Leghorn variety, making a beautiful picture to the stranger gazing upon the sight for the first time, and which are of great monetary value to their owner. Mr. Bassett raises all his own grain, and has besides considerable fruit from his orchard of five acres, which yields ample feed for all his stock on his chicken farm. His home consists of a two-story frame dwelling, located on a choice part of the farm where he lived happily with his wife and children.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Bassett is a member of the school board, of which he is clerk, and takes a lively interest in public affairs.

Mr. Bassett married for his first wife Miss Laura Bailey, who died in 1894. His present wife was Miss Celia Watkins, to whom he was married July 24, 1896, while on a visit to his old home in Wales. Two children have come to brighten the home, Elsie, born in 1897, and Francis, born in 1899.

Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Allen Bassett, formerly of Pinon Coffee of New Mexico

Allen Bassett descends from #6B William Bassett of Connecticut as follows:

William Bassett and wife Hannah (Dickerman) Ives
Samuel Bassett (b. 1654) and wife Mary Dickerman
Samuel Bassett (b. 1687) and wife Elizabeth Humiston
Samuel Bassett (b. 1720) and wife Abigail Bradley
Samuel Bassett (b. 1754) and wife Katharine Tuttle
Lyman Bassett (b. 1787) and wife Sally Sanford
Thomas Sanford Bassett (b. 1815) and wife Elizabeth Heltibidal
George Alanson Bassett (b. 1843) and wife Emma Higgins
Sanford Martin Bassett (b. 1871) and wife Elizabeth Jane Coon
Floyd Byron Bassett (b. 1901) and wife Garnett Venita Bevier

Dale Martin Bassett and wife Ursula Bertha Witt
Francis Dale Bassett
Allen Dale Otto Bassett

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President leaving NM Pinon Coffee
June 13, 2017

After six years with the company, Allen Bassett is leaving New Mexico Pinon Coffee.

Bassett was president of the family-owned business owned by his parents, Frank and Cindy Bassett. New Mexico Pinon Coffee is the largest coffee roaster in the state. Matthew Bregar, the company's controller, will step into Bassett's role. Bassett sold his ownership stake to others in the family while his brother, Kevin Bassett, is still working within the company in a consulting role and is still an owner.



Bassett said he was leaving because he "had a difference of opinions on the business" with the company.

"I might start my own business or step into a leadership role in an existing organization," Bassett said. "I'm excited for my next opportunity and wish New Mexico Pinon coffee and the people well. I couldn't have done it without them."

During Bassett's tenure, the company landed the official coffee sponsorship with the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta and opened two coffee shops named Pinon Coffee House. He was also a founding member of the New Mexico Coffee Association, created in 2016 to help promote local coffee shops.

"I will still assist with the Coffee Association should the members ask, but will step away from the operations part of it," Bassett said.

Bassett was also a 2017 40 Under Forty honoree.

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[Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Bassett Home, Bristol, Connecticut, 1897](#)

This is possibly the home of Alonzo Lorenzo Bassett of Bristol, Connecticut.



Picture for sale on ebay. Identified as the Bassett Home, Bristol, Connecticut
Taken Winter of 1897.

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[Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Charles Herman Bassett of Wisconsin and Nebraska](#)

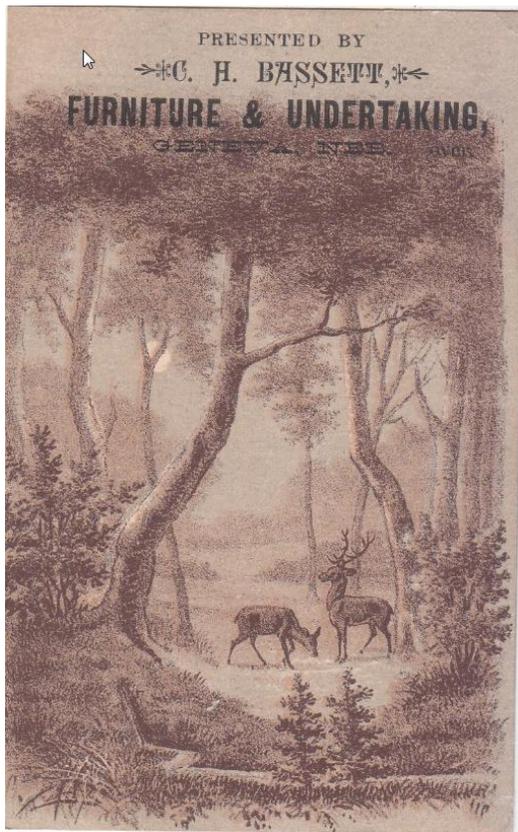
Charles Herman Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife
William Bassett (b. 1624) and wife Mary Rainsford
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

Perez Bassett (b. 1797) and wife Roxanna Goodrich
Charles Herman Bassett (b. 1836)



Captain Charles Herman Bassett of Company E, 16th Wisconsin Infantry



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Charles H. Bassett

DIED - Of apoplexy of the brain, Monday, January 10, 1898, Charles H. Bassett, of this city aged 62 years and 5 days.

Mr. Bassett was on his way Monday forenoon with C. C. Spangler to work on a barn in West Blue township that they had in course of construction and when about two miles south of Fairmont he was seized with the attack of apoplexy. He was carried into the house of E. Milner, and although life was even then extinct a physician was summoned from Fairmont but there was nothing for him to do.

The deceased was born at Martinsburg, Lewis County, N. Y., January 05, 1836. Ten years later he removed with his parents to Sheboygan, Wis. November 21, 1866, he was married at New Lisbon, Wis., to Miss Margaret Dawes, who survives him.

He enlisted as a private in Company E, Sixteenth Wisconsin Volunteers. After a service of three years and eleven months he was mustered out as captain of his company.

In 1870 Mr. Bassett settled in what is now Fillmore County. He was one of the county's first commissioners, he helped organize the county and to lay out the site of the city of Geneva. For eleven years he lived on Turkey Creek east of Geneva and for the last seventeen years has resided in Geneva. In the early days his home was headquarters for the newly arrived settlers and he always retained the regard and esteem of the old settlers who knew him first and best.

Mr. Bassett was a member of the Geneva Grand Army post and the Knights of Pythias. He had recently been elected prelate of the latter order, a position he had filled for a number of years. The only surviving members of the family are Mrs. Bassett and an adopted daughter, Mrs. C. A. Thorpe.

The funeral will be delayed until this afternoon to allow Mrs. Thorpe to reach here from San Francisco. It will take place at 2 o'clock from the Congregational Church Rev. Thomas Griffiths officiating. The Knights of Pythias will have charge of the funeral and the interment in the Geneva cemetery.

Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Robert Van Rensselaer Bassett Jr., Naval Officer

Robert Van Rensselaer Bassett Jr. descends from #95B William Bassett as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth Bosden
Benjamin Bassett (b. 1766) and wife Elizabeth (Hewett) Jones
William Bassett (b. 1814) and wife Hannah Rose Angel
James A. Bassett (b. 1846) and wife Mary Gallagher
Robert Van Rensselaer Bassett (b. 1884) and wife Harriett Hibberd
Robert Van Rensselaer Bassett Jr. (b. 1913)

The Binghampton Press, Friday Evening, August 11, 1944
Bassett Writes From Japan

Binghamton Press Bureau, Oswego, Aug. 11

The first communication in nearly a year from Lieut. Robert V.R. Bassett, who is a prisoner in a Japanese camp, was received by his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert V.R. Bassett, Sr. of Front Street this week when three letters written by him finally reached their destination.

The letters were written in October and December of last year and January of this year. All three communications stated that he was well. The last letter received prior to this week was last Aug. 13.

Lieutenant Bassett, who is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, was taken prisoner when his ship, the U.S.S. Pope, was sunk by the Japanese in the Java Sea in March, 1942. He has since been a prisoner of war at the Zentsuji Prison Camp in Japan.



US Destroyer USS Pope being blasted out of the water by Japanese Cruisers at the Battle of Java Sea



Robert Van Rensselaer Bassett Jr.

Newspaper unknown
30-Year Career Man

Owego Navy Officer's Rites Are Tuesday

Owego - Military funeral services will be held Tuesday for Capt. Robert V.R. Bassett, Jr., a U.S. Navy career officer from Owego who spent most of World War 2 as a prisoner of the Japanese.

Captain Bassett was the son of an Owego lawyer.

As a young lieutenant, Robert Bassett, Jr., was serving on a destroyer that was sunk by Japanese forces in the Pacific area early in World War 2.

He was not freed until the war ended, when he was among Americans liberated from a prison camp on Honshu, one of the home islands of Japan.

He stayed in the Navy after the war, held a variety of assignments and reached the rank of captain in 1954. He retired last year.

The funeral will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the Fort Myers Chapel just outside Washington, D.C. Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery.

Captain Bassett died Wednesday in Albuquerque, N.M., following an extended illness. He was 53.

He retired from the navy on June 30, 1965, after 30 years of service. Funeral services for Mr. Bassett also were held this afternoon in Albuquerque.

His body will be taken to the Gawler Mortuary at 5130 Wisconsin Avenue in Washington, D.C. where it will lie in state Sunday.

Mr. Bassett is survived by his wife, Mrs. Doris Pugh Bassett, a son, Armand J. Bassett of Rochester, and a daughter, Miss Sandra Bassett, who is a student at Duke University in Durham, N.C.

Also surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert V.R. Bassett, Sr., of 337 Front Street, Owego, and a brother, Attorney Charles H. Bassett of Syracuse.

Mr. Bassett was born in Owego on Jan. 24, 1913, and attended schools in Owego.

After graduating from Owego Free Academy, he attended Severn Prep School in Maryland and later entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., where he was graduated in 1935.

While serving on the destroyer Pope, the ship was sunk in March, 1942, by the Japanese in the Battle of the Java Sea.

He was reported missing in action for six months but his parents later learned he had been taken prisoner by the Japanese. He was held by them in Japan until the war was ended in 1945.

Following the war, his assignment included the command of the Rehoboth, and executive officership of the Baltimore.

Captain Bassett also served on the staff of the chief of naval operations and with the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers of Europe (SHAPE) and at one time was assigned to the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Immediately prior to his retirement from the Navy, he was a commanding officer and a professor of naval science of the ROTC unit at the University of New Mexico. He held that position for 3 years.

Previous to that, he served in a similar capacity at Duke University.

At the time of his retirement, Mr. Bassett received a citation from the Navy for faithful and distinguished service.

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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.

373B. Richard Bassett of Holsworthy, Devon has been combined into the #285B William Bassett of Devonshire line

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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