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Section 1 - Welcome

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

257B. Thomas Bassett of England & Illinois (36 individuals added)

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 146,470



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to All

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Section 2 – Featured Bassett: J. E. Bassett Hardware Coin

John E. Bassett, descends from #3B Thomas Bassett of Connecticut as follows:

Thomas Bassett (b. 1598) and wife Joanna Beardsley
Thomas Bassett (b. 1660) and wife Sarah Baldwin
Josiah Bassett (b. 1690) and wife Alice Canfield
Samuel Bassett (b. 1723) and wife Susannah Morris
David Bassett (b. 1754) and wife Sarah Oviatt
David Bassett (b. 1782) and wife Mary Rhoades
David Bassett (b. 1808) and wife Mary A. Jarvis
John E. Bassett (b. 1830)

John E. Bassett and his hardware store located in New Haven, Connecticut have been featured in several past newsletters. This week, I saw the coin pictured below for sale on ebay.



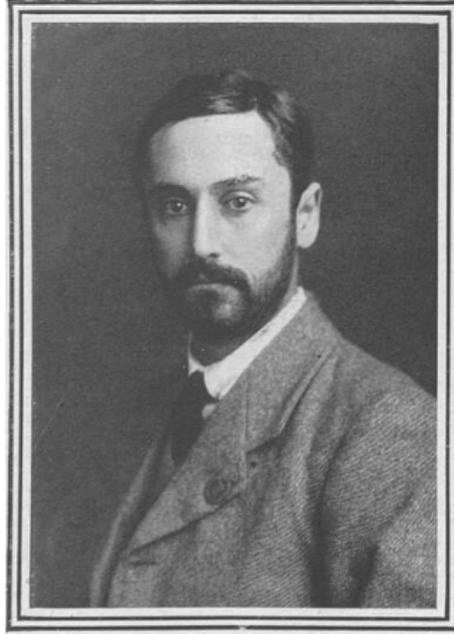
J.E. Bassett & Co. Coin for sale on ebay.

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Section 3 – Featured Bassett: Henry Bassett of Reading, England Portrait mix-up

Henry Bassett descends from #473B Henry Bassett of England as follows:

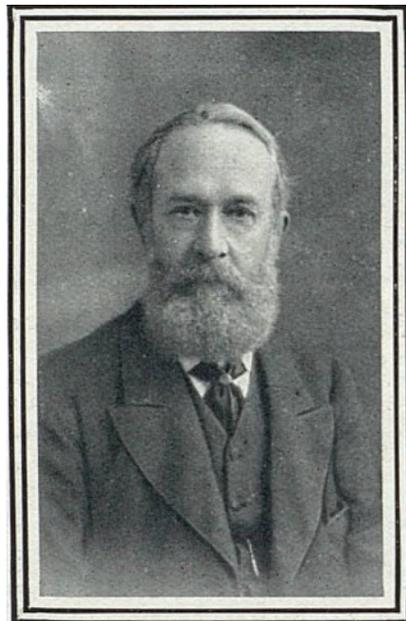
Henry Bassett (b.1806) and wife Maria
Henry Bassett (b. 1838) and wife Mary K.
Henry Bassett (b. 1882) (Prof. Henry Bassett D.Sc.)



The late Prof. Henry Bassett, D.Sc.

The Sphere, September 18, 1920
The late Prof. Henry Bassett, D.Sc.

Professor of Chemistry at University College, Reading, since 1912, whose death was announced a few days ago. He was educated at the universities of London, Munich, and Nancy, and was the author of many scientific monographs.



The Late Mr. Henry Bassett
The distinguished chemist who has died at the age of eighty-three.

The Sphere, October 2, 1920
The Late Mr. Henry Bassett

We greatly regret that by an inadvertence we published a portrait of Mr. Henry Bassett, Professor of Chemistry at University College, Reading, instead of that of his father, Mr. Henry Bassett, a well-known consulting chemist, who died on September 2 at the age of eighty-three. We much deplore that this circumstance has caused a great deal of pain to the family of Professor Henry Bassett to whom and to whose family we offer every apology. Mr. Bassett was very well known as a consulting chemist, specializing in non-ferrous alloy and anthracene work. He published some valuable papers and notes, mainly in *The Journal of the Chemical Society* and in *The Chemical News*, in addition to which he carried out much research work.

Section 4 – Featured Bassett: Will of Seth Bassett of Vermont

Seth Bassett possibly 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 Mary Bumpus
Seth Bassett (b. 1715) and wife Mary Hayward

I have transcribed the following will from Vermont Probate Records, however, the names listed do not match up with the information on have on Seth Bassett. Possibly the children listed under Seth Bassett (#639) belong to his son Seth Bassett. it appears from the will that this Seth Bassett married (2) Lydia Richards as he lists his wife as Lydia and names several of her children including daughter Charlotte Munger, daughter Phebe Hager, and son Hiram E. Richards

Any help in sorting out this family would be appreciated

Vermont Wills and Probate Records, June 23, 1808

I Seth Bassett of Hinesburgh in the County of Chittenden and State of Vermont, do ordain and make this my last Will and Testament in manner following: Viz. I give and bequeath to my loving and dutiful wife a comfortable support out of my estate during her natural life in sickness or in health. I give and bequeath to Marcy Bassett my oldest daughter the sum of two dollars to be paid within six months after my decease. I give and bequeath to my oldest son Daniel Bassett the sum of two hundred and ninety dollars payable within four years after my decease payable in stock. I give and bequeath to my son Asa Bassett two dollars payable within one year after my decease. I give and bequeath to Charlotte Munger, my wife's daughter the sum of fifty dollars payable within six months after my decease payable in household furniture. I give and bequeath to Phebe Hager, my wife's daughter fifty dollars payable in household furniture within six months after my decease. I give and bequeath to Hiram E. Richards fifty dollars payable in stock within two years after my decease, he being my wife's son. I give and bequeath to Betsey Weller, my daughter fifty dollars payable one half in household furniture, the other half in stock within five years after my decease. I give and bequeath to Lydia Bassett, my daughter one hundred dollars payable within one year after my decease the one half in household furniture the other half in meat cattle. I give and bequeath to Polly Bassett

my daughter one hundred dollars payable within one year of my decease, one half in household furniture the other half in meat cattle. I give and bequeath to my son Seth all the residue of my estate both real and personal after all my debts and the aforesaid Legacies are paid and I hereby nominate Lydia Bassett my wife Executrix and Seth Bassett my son Executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking all other and former wills by me at any time heretofore made. In witness which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23rd day of June A.D. 1808. Signed Sealed Published and proceeded? by the sd Seth Bassett, as his last Will and Testament who in his presence and the presence of each other have hereunto subscribe our name.

Seth Bassett (SEAL)

William B. Marsh
Allen T. Buch
Charlotte Marsh

And to sd Lydia Bassett on the same day resigned her appointment in sd Will as Executrix the sd Seth Bassett accepted at his appointment and gave bonds as the law directs to pay the debts and legacies of the sd Testator agreeable to his Will.

Recorded by order Attest Jn. Brownson, Probate Regst.

639. Seth Bassett, son of William Bassett

Seth Bassett, son of William and Mary (Bumpus) Bassett, was born 22 May 1715 in Bridgewater, Massachusetts. He married (1) Mary Hayward of Raynham on 15 Sep 1737 in Raynham, Massachusetts. Seth may have died between 1776 and 1778. He married (2) Sabrah Hulet, daughter of Daniel Hulet of Killingly. She was living on 18 Feb 1797. They lived in Bridgewater, Easton, Rayham and South Killingly, Connecticut.

Children by 1st wife.

- + 6391. Hayward Bassett - born around 1737, married Lois Damon.
- 6392. Sarah Bassett - born 15 Feb 1737/8 in Bridgewater, Massachusetts.
- 6393. Mary Bassett (twin) - born 15 Feb 1737/8 in Bridgewater, Massachusetts.
- + 6394. Seth Bassett - baptized 8 Apr 1739 at 1st Unitarian Church.
- + 6395. Zachariah Bassett - born 1741, married Priscilla Damon.
- 6396. William Bassett

Children by 2nd wife.

- + 6397. Daniel Bassett - born 9 Mar 1769, married Sally Butler.
- + 6398. Asa Bassett - around 1771, married Rhoda.
- 6399. Mercy Bassett - a Mary Bassett joined the church in South Killingly on 5 Apr 1801.

[Section 5 – Featured Bassett: Picture of Ernest Bassett](#)

Trying to identify the Ernest Bassett from Portsmouth, England.

Portsmouth Evening News, Friday, May 5, 1939



Mr. Ernest Bassett

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[Section 6 – Featured Bassett: Remains of Mary Bassett](#)

Jeremiah Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth

William and Elizabeth Bassett

Nathaniel Bassett (b. 1735) and wife Martha Hobart

Jeremiah Bassett (b. 1678) and wife Mary Felch

John Bassett (b. 1725) and wife Sarah Shephard

Jeremiah Bassett (b. 1768) and wife Mary Hugg

Waverly New York Advocate
Human Petrification

How human bodies or other bodies, become petrified has long been a mystery. The fact, however, is abundantly established. The following quite remarkable case is furnished us by John A. Nichols, Esq. of Spencer:

Mary Bassett, wife of Jeremiah Bassett, died Nov. 8, 1850; was buried on the farm of her husband about two miles north of the village of Spencer in this county. At the time of her death she was 81 years old, and rather fleshy - the disease being dropsy. Her remains were taken up by Phineas Brazen, in May, 1873, and removed to the cemetery in the village of Spencer. The body

was found to be in a petrified state, except the eyes, which were gone. The body was quite plump, the chest full size, color yellowish, which, no doubt, was caused by the earth in which the body lay. The hair was viable and natural. By tapping on the body it appeared to be a hard substance. It was very heavy, quite as much so as when a live, and ropes had to be got under it to lift it out of the grave; and in raising it the neck broke off and let the head drop. The coffin was nearly all gone, and left the body lying in the earth. There were three other members of the family buried in the same grave yard, and within a few feet of this woman, all of whom died since the mother; and their bodies were all entirely decayed, nothing but the bones remaining.

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Section 7 – Featured Bassett: Rafe Lord Bassett Figurine

Rafe Bassett of New Place, Blore, Cheadle and Glendon, is the ancestor of the Bassetts of Blore..



Rafe Lord Bassett Figurine for sale on ebay

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

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

58B. Frederick Bassett of New York combined into the #6B William Bassett of Connecticut line
257B. Joseph Bassett of Cornwall into the #26B Joseph Bassett of Cornwall, England & Australia

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

257B. Thomas Bassett of England and Illinois

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[Section 9 - DNA project update.](#)

I have three new results to report. I hope to report two in January and one in February.

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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