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[Section 1 - Welcome](#)

My last large grouping of Bassetts has been added to the website. It is numbered #58. It includes the Bassetts of Tehidy, Umberleigh and several other very old lines of Bassetts from the Middle Ages in England.

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

58B. Ancient Bassetts of England (709 individuals added)

I want to thank Karen Hendron for her generous donation towards the Bassett DNA project this month!

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 147,419



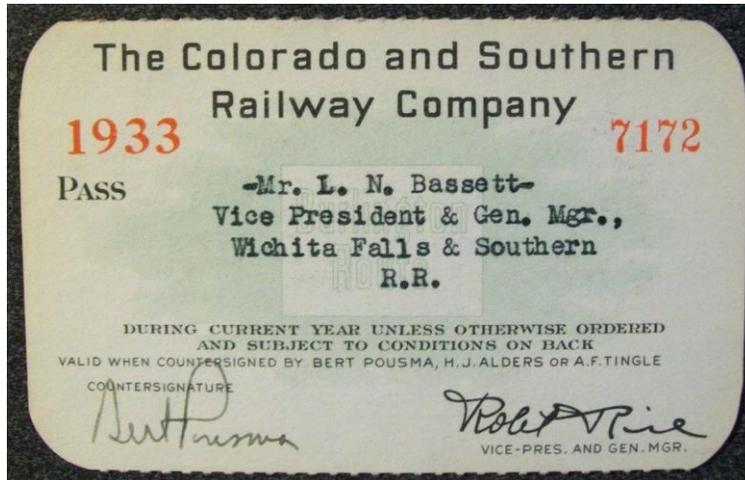
If you know who this Daniel G. Bassett is, please let me know.

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Section 2 – Featured Bassett: L.N. Bassett Railway Pass

Lewis Napoleon 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. 1736) and wife Tabitha Waite
William Bassett (b. 1765)
Samuel Bassett (b. 1795) and wife Elsie Lewis
Lewis Bassett (b. 1824) and wife Sarah Edgecomb
Samuel Harrison Bassett (b. 1848) and wife Margaret Mary Whipp
Lewis Napoleon Bassett (b. 1874)



L.N. Bassett Railway Pass currently for sale on ebay

The Sunday News and Tribune, Jefferson City, Mo., Sunday, February 2,
Railroad Pays Tribute to Line's Vice President

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. Feb. 1- (AP) - Funeral services for Louis Napoleon Bassett, 61 vice president of the Missouri and Arkansas railroad, will be held at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Benton Avenue Methodist church here.

Operations of the railroad are to be suspended for two minutes during the services, honoring the memory of the dead official, it was announced last night at Harrison, Ark.

Mr. Bassett, who has been vice president of the Missouri and Arkansas lines since April 16, 1935, died at Harrison this morning, after a 10-day illness of pneumonia.

Mr. Bassett is survived by two sons, Dr. Clifford Bassett of Cushing, Okla., and W. Howard Bassett of Harrison, Ark. Howard Bassett is superintendent of the Missouri and Arkansas railroad.

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Section 3 – Featured Bassett: S. BASSETT & SONS Bronze Sign

Squire Bassett descends from #8B John Bassett as follows:

John Bassett
Amos Bassett (b. 1760) and wife Susan Stout
Isaac Bassett (b. 1797) and wife Sara Hunter Disher
Squire Bassett (b. 1824) and wife Elizabeth Slaughter

I believe the sign below to have come from the S. Bassett & Sons Shoe Store of Lexington, Kentucky. This store was founded by Squire Bassett.



S. Bassett & Sons Bronze sign recently purchased at an antique store in Calistoga, California by Daniel Carpenter.

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Section 4 – Featured Bassett: Death of Francis Bassett of Leighton Buzzard

Francis Bassett descends from #18B Daniel Bassett of Northamptonshire, England as follows:

Daniel Bassett and wife Mary
Peter Bassett (b. 1745) and wife Ann Dollin
John Dollin Bassett (b. 1786) and wife Victoria Edith Rowland
Francis Bassett (b. 1820)

The Bedfordshire Mercury, Friday, June 16, 1899
Death of Mr. Bassett

Mr. Francis Bassett, J.P., died at his residence, The Heath, Leighton Buzzard, on Friday evening last, at just an hour before midnight, in his 80th year. He was not a great man, but he was a good one; and years ago had greatness thrust upon him rather against his will, when he was chosen Member for Bedfordshire. That is now getting ancient history, for it was in 1872, twenty seven years ago; but it was the most public event in his long and peaceful life. His father was John Dollin Bassett, a Quaker of the old school, who lived until about a generation ago, and whose name, like that of his now deceased son, was honoured and respected wherever it was known.

Mr. Francis Bassett, or, as he was more commonly called, Mr. Frank Bassett, was an active man, and was always engaged in work until he had a serious stroke last summer, the heat proving very trying to his constitution. That attack deprived him of the power of speech, but not of the power of thought. When he regained some command of his voice, eh constantly manifested

interest in his business and in other matters; he learned to write with his left hand, and constantly took carriage exercise - up to the day of his death.

Some interesting details of his life, are given in this week's *Leighton Observer*, from which we extract the following: -

"There is one singular incident recalled of Mr. Bassett's illness and its hours. He had at The Heath and old hall clock given him on his marriage. He always wound this clock himself and allowed no one else to touch it. When he recovered from his seizure ten months ago, his first enquiry, by a turn of the hand, was whether the clock had been wound, and when he recovered sufficiently he resumed his old habit of winding the clock. On Friday night a servant had occasion to notice that the clock was going at ten minutes to eleven, but at two minutes past eleven, the time Mr. Bassett passed away, the old clock stopped - although it had not run down.

"Mr. Bassett's loss will be keenly felt not only in his native town of Leighton Buzzard, but throughout and far beyond Bedfordshire. Among all classes of society he had, throughout his long career, been held in the highest regard both on account of his unswerving rectitude and uprightness of character and of his kindness of disposition; while the former won the confidence and esteem of the general community, he gathered around him a large circle of personal friends not only from among his own class but from those who were less well off in this world's goods. There are many young men at the present time occupying good appointments who have reason to remember with gratitude the helping hand given them to the first rung of the ladder by Mr. Bassett. To the needs of those in trouble and distress he always turned a sympathetic ear.

"Mr. Bassett was a great worker; his industry and perseverance together with a keen power of perception and judgment have enabled him to establish a name and maintain the honourable position he has so long held in the mercantile world. Kind-hearted, genial, witty, and shrewd, scrupulously conscientious in every duty and act, it is no surprising that the life of Mr. Francis Bassett has left its mark upon those who were associated with him and that his name will long be remembered with reverence and love.

"Mr. Francis Bassett's father, Mr. John Dollin Bassett, was born in Leighton Buzzard in the year 1786; thus, the changes - political, social, and religious - during the time covered by these two generations form one of the most interesting pages in the history of our country.

"On May the 25th, 1840 (being his 20th birthday) Mr. Francis Bassett came to take part in the banking business at Leighton, and was admitted a partner in 1842. He was afterwards joined, in 1854, by Mr. Theodore Harris (whose sister Mr. Bassett married); in 1871 by his son, Mr. Frederick Bassett; in 1878 by Mr. John Tindall, and Henry Edward Harris.

"Mr. Bassett married in 1842, Ellen, daughter of the late Mr. Edward Harris, of Stoke Newington, who survives him. He leaves two sons and five daughters, namely, Mr. Theodore Bassett (London), Mr. Frederick Bassett (Leighton Buzzard), Mrs. Fox (Falmouth), Mrs. Maltby (Aspley Guise), Mrs. R. Tindall (The Cedars, Leighton Buzzard), Miss Mary Bassett, and Miss Louisa Bassett.

"Mr. Bassett was a Justice of the Peace for the County of Bedford, qualifying at the Easter Quarter Sessions, 1871. In June of the following year he was elected Member of Parliament for the County of Bedford in the Liberal interest, his colleague in the representation of the County being the late Sir Richard (then Colonel) Gilpin, who represented the Conservatives of the County for over a quarter of a century. Mr. Bassett succeeded Mr. Hastings Russell, on his becoming, by succession, Duke of Bedford, and was in turn, upon resignation on account of ill-health, himself succeeded by the then Marquis of Tavistock. It is an interesting circumstance that this

election won by Mr. Bassett was the last Parliamentary election at which there was open voting.

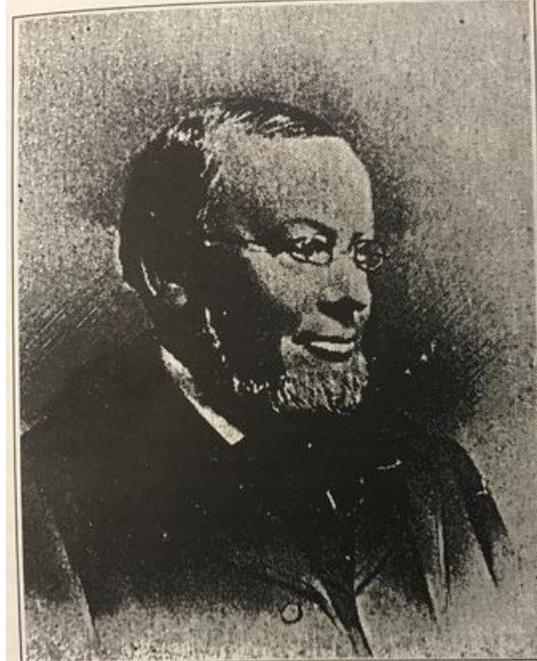
"Mr. Bassett throughout his long life remained true to Liberal principles. On the introduction of the Home Rule Bill of 1886 he was compelled, not without feelings of acute pain, to sever his connection with his former political colleagues, but he lived and died a Liberal in his sympathies and aspirations. He was on terms of cordiality with Mr. Gladstone and the other leaders of the Liberal party, and it will be remembered that Mr. Gladstone has visited The Heath. Among other offices connected with the county held by Mr. Bassett was that of High Sheriff in the year 1882. After the introduction of the Local Government Act and the establishment of County Councils in 1888, he was also elected a County Alderman, and continued in the office until failing health two or three years ago compelled him to relinquish it.

"Mr. Bassett, at the time of the amalgamation of the Bank with Messrs Barclay & Co., of London, was most deservedly honoured by being placed upon the first Board of General Directors. He was a member of the Audit Committee of the London and North Western Railway Company, and a Director of the Imperial Continental Gas Company, whilst locally he was Chairman of the Directors of the Leighton Gas Company, and also of the Leighton Corn Exchange Company for some years after the erection of that building.

"He was for many years a strong supporter of the British Schools, until they became absorbed in the School Board system. He was a liberal contributor to, and supporter of every worthy local institution, whether benevolent, religious, or useful, including the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Haverstock Hill Orphanage, the Bedford Infirmary, and the Leighton Nursing Association; in fact every good work carried on in Leighton, or by which the town has benefited for a period extending over more than half a century, can claim his as a liberal supporter.

"As we have already said, Mr. Bassett was a busy man; all these public and business engagements carried on into advanced life could only be performed by one possessing great strength of character and will-power, but to illustrate the many-sidedness of his character we may mention the great interest he took in agricultural matters as one of the best-known breeders of Jersey cattle in a wide district; he was also an excellent judge of horses, and took a keen interest in the local agricultural shows. He was president of the Beds. Agricultural Society during the year the show was held at Leighton.

"Mr. Bassett, from his earliest years, was a consistent member of the Society of Friends, and a warm supporter of religious and philanthropic effort. While we mourn with sincere grief the loss of a true friend, we shall recall the upright, honourable life of Mr. Francis Bassett, as an example worthy to be followed. It only remains to add that the fullest sympathy is felt for Mrs. Bassett and the members of the family."



Francis Bassett 1820 - 1899

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[Section 5 – Featured Bassett: Seth Bassett Revolutionary War Powder Horn](#)

Seth 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 Mary Bumpus
Seth Bassett (b. 1715) and wife Mary Hayward
Seth Bassett (b. 1739)

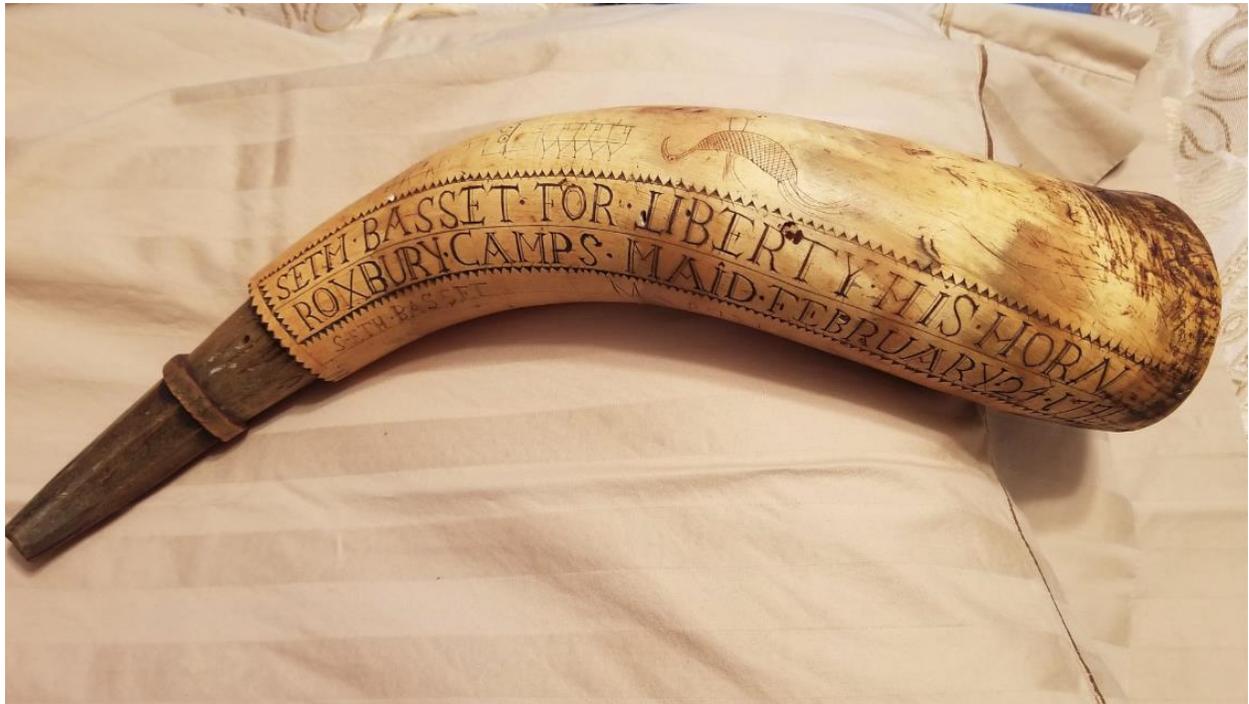
Sandy Creek News, Sandy Creek, N.Y.
Dr. B.N. Bailey of Mannsville is Observing Eightieth Birthday Today

Among Dr. Bailey's treasures is a very large powder horn which was carried by his great grandfather in the Revolutionary War. On it is engraved "Seth Bassett for Liberty, His Horn, Roxbury Camps, Made February 24, 1776." There is also engraved a picture of the camp and one of a rooster. The morning before the battle a rooster flew upon a post and crowed. Mr. Bassett predicted that it was an omen that they would win the battle, which they did.

I have been doing Bassett research for more than 40 years, and this could be one of my favorite Bassett finds. Last month, while searching for information about Seth Bassett of New York, I came across the birthday announcement for Dr. Bassett N. Bailey of New York. An excerpt of this article is included above. I found it interesting to see the Seth Bassett powder horn mentioned. In checking my Bassett manuscript, I had a reference to this powder horn from the 1920's. It was then owned by Wayland George Bassett, great-grandson of Seth

Bassett of Revolutionary War fame. Wayland George had no children and I always wondered might have become of this family heirloom.

Using the information from the article below, I found that Dr. Bassett Bailey had only one child, a daughter. This daughter had only one child, a son. This son had recently passed away and using information from his obituary I located his daughter. It was hard to believe, but she said she had inherited a bunch of Bassett material, and it included this Seth Bassett powder horn.



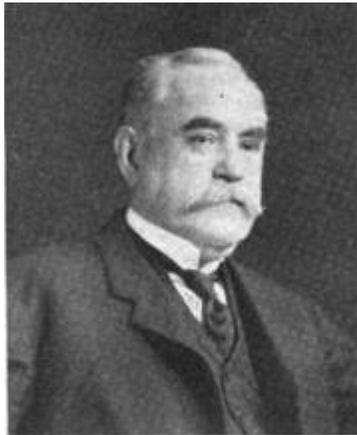
Picture provided by Carol Ridenhour

One of Frank Bailey Van Auken's prized possessions is a very large powder horn carried by his great, great, great, great grand father in the Revolutionary War. On it is engraved, "Seth Bassett for Liberty, His Horn, Roxbury Camps, Maid (Made) February 24, 1776." There is also engraved a picture of the camp and one of a rooster. The morning before the battle a rooster flew up on a post and crowed. Mr. Bassett predicted that it was an omen that they would win the battle, which they did.

Section 6 – Featured Bassett: Ira Baxter Bassett Caricature

Ira Baxter Bassett descends from #1A William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
Nathaniel Bassett and wife Dorcas Joyce
Joseph Bassett and wife Susannah Howes
Daniel Bassett and wife Elizabeth Crowell
Daniel Bassett and wife Hannah Bears
Joseph Bassett and wife Zerviah Bears
Zenas Doane Bassett and wife Mary Palmer Howland
Zenas Doane Bassett Jr. and wife Hersilia D. Baxter
Ira Baxter Bassett



IRA B. BASSETT

The Iron Trade Review, June 15, 1911
Bassett-Presley Co.

Sells Its Warehouse and Stock to the Carnegie Steel Co.

The Carnegie Steel Co. has purchased the warehouse and stock of the Bassett-Presley Co., Cleveland, and will take possession July 1. The warehouse is 154 x 300 feet, and is located on Thirty-ninth street, between Superior and St. Clair. It is very conveniently located near the Pennsylvania tracks for carrying on a jobbing business.

The officers of the Bassett-Presley Co. are: President, Ira B. Bassett; vice president, C.E. Kollfrath; secretary and treasurer, F.H. Dietz. Mr. Bassett came to Cleveland in 1869, when 21 years old, and entered the employ of the jobbing firm of Butler, Wick & Co., where he remained until 1871, when he was employed by another jobbing firm, W.H. McCurdy & Co. The latter firm became involved financially, a few years later, and Mr. Bassett carried on the business for the creditors for two years, after which the business was turned over to him, and in 1886, with George Presley Jr., he organized the firm of Bassett & Presley. For a few years A.R. Train, now of Duxbury, Mass., was a member of the firm, and during that period, the firm was known as Bassett, Presley & Train. In 1901, the Bassett-Presley Co. was organized. Mr. Presley died in 1902.

"This sale", said Mr. Bassett, "is not caused by unfair treatment of any kind on the part of the Steel Corporation. The advances were made by myself and negotiations have been pending for a number of months. There is nothing whatever to complain of concerning our treatment at the hands of the Steel Corporation."

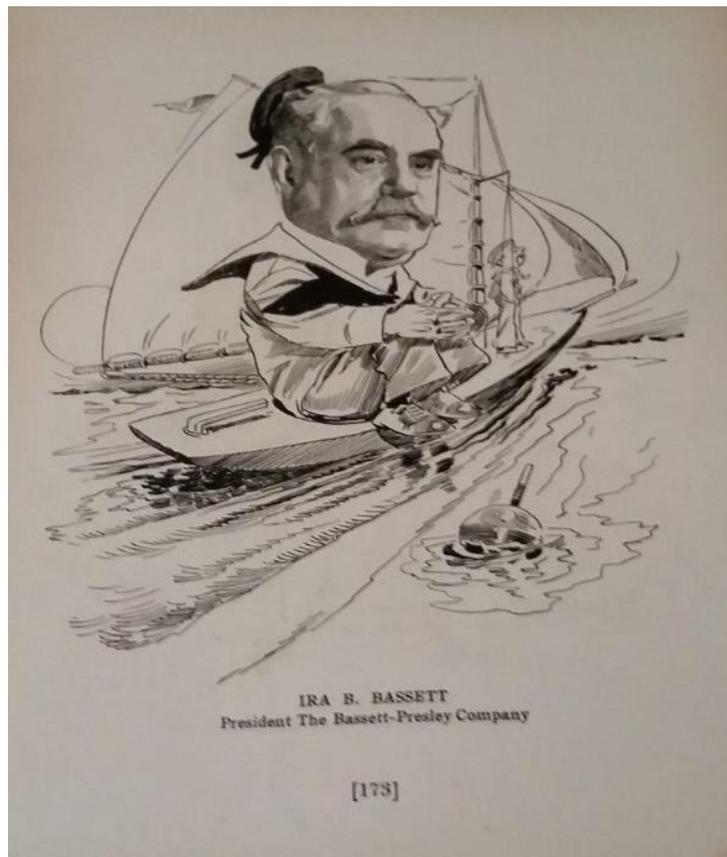
As announced in the Daily Iron Trade Review of Oct. 17, 1910, the Carnegie Steel Co. at that time inaugurated a jobbing business in Cleveland territory, and has since been carrying it on, making deliveries from its Pittsburg warehouse. With the warehouse which it has just acquired, it will be able to carry on its jobbing business in a much more satisfactory manner.

The Carnegie Steel Co. has also acquired a lot covering 120 feet frontage on Thirty-ninth street, adjoining the warehouse, and this makes possible the adding of buildings and cranes for the handling of plates and structural material, which have not been carried by the Bassett-Presley Co.

Judge Gary, when asked in New York about the purchase of the Bassett-Presley property, said:

"The Steel Corporation has been acquiring sites for buildings for the establishment of distributing stations for its products for several years in various parts of the country. The purchase of the Risdon Iron Works at San Francisco recently, which will be used for warehouses, was a part of this policy. The Waverly warehouse in Newark, N.J., now serves the same purpose in the east."

Ira was previously featured in the June 2008 Bassett family newsletter.
<http://www.bassettbranches.org/newsletters/2008/20080615/20080615.shtml>



Cleveland Club in Caricature Sketches. (1910) For sale on Ebay

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[Section 7 – Featured Bassett: Francis Trevanion Bassett Obituary](#)

Francis Trevanion Bassett descends from #177B William Bassett of Helston as follows:

William Bassett (b. 1771) and wife Elizabeth
William Bassett (b. 1806) and wife Jane Wills
John Bassett (b. 1838) and wife Anne Tresidder
Ervin Bassett (b. 1879) and wife Louise Williams
Eric George William Bassett (b. 1914) and wife Barbara Joan Jeffries
Francis Trevanion Bassett (b. 1954)

Church Times, 15 December 2017
Obituary : Francis Trevanion Bassett
Written by Canon Jeremy Worthen and others

FRANCIS BASSETT, Assistant Secretary of the Council for Christian Unity, who died on 18 November, aged 63, would have been astonished at the thought of his obituary's appearing in the *Church Times*, which he read carefully every week, to identify items of interest to his colleagues in the staff team at the Council for Christian Unity. He would have been astonished because he did not expect public recognition of any kind for the various forms of service that he undertook, faithfully and cheerfully, as a disciple of Jesus Christ. For those of us who sat alongside him day by day in Church House, it is hard to imagine the work of the Council without him. He knew it so very well, and had accumulated over the years a knowledge of the Church of England's ecumenical relations which reached into places that eluded the rest of us. He could readily recall an incident – or retrieve a document – to cast light on an issue that we were dealing with here and now. He also built up many valued relationships with people, including members of ecumenical groups he was involved in supporting, such as the English Anglican-Roman Catholic Committee. His kindness and gentle humour regularly brightened the working day.

It may be hard for those of us who knew him in that context to imagine him working anywhere else, but, in fact, he had a very varied career with the national church institutions. His first post had been Clerical Officer with the Church Commissioners in 1978, a year after he finished his undergraduate studies at Peterhouse College, Cambridge.

In those days, administrative staff were moved around departments regularly, as part of the development process. Francis went from Housing to Pastoral, and then to Stipends Payments. Having spent some time in Estates, he proceeded to Bishoprics/See Houses.

His next move was to the General Synod Office. Synod members from the period recall his activity in organising fringe meetings, and the time he would always make available for them and their concerns. From there, it was a relatively short journey to his many happy years at the Council for Christian Unity.

Through all the changes that he saw, music was a constant presence in Francis's life. He performed in formal settings as a highly accomplished pianist and organist, serving for many years in that capacity in his local church, St Barnabas's, Manor Park, where he was also at various points a PCC member, a parish representative, and a deanery-synod representative.

His musical and relational gifts came together when he took on the post of conductor, as he did with the Deansbank Singers, whose weekly rehearsals he

led in the chapel at Church House, where he was also a regular worshipper at mid-week services.

His talent for music and comedy had already showed itself in undergraduate performances with the Cambridge University Light Entertainment Society, which included the comedian Andy Hamilton among its members; he was part of a folk-rock band who succeeded in releasing their debut album. Besides listening, playing and conducting, Francis also danced to music. He was a member of a folk-dance club, and would use holidays to spend time dancing with friends.

Friends and family were very important to him, and he spoke warmly to his colleagues about them. He was not someone who dwelt unduly on the past, but he would reminisce from time to time about Chichester, where he had gone to school, and childhood memories of Sussex. He delighted in the gifts of the present, and was grateful for what he had received over many years.

He was sometimes troubled about things happening in the Church and in the world. As someone passionate about the environment and European relations, and who cared very deeply about the Church of England, how could he not be? Yet that did not shake a deep faith in God, and a confidence in God's purposes, and trust in their final fulfilment.

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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.

58B. [Frederick Bassett of New York combined into the #6B William Bassett of Connecticut line](#)

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

58B. [Ancient Bassetts of England](#)

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Section 9 - DNA project update.

Results for kit #700510 are below. They match others descended from the #14 Jean Besset line.

700510	#14 Jean Besset of Quebec	13	24	13	11	11	14	12	12	12	13	13	29	18	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	15	15	17	17	10	10	19	22	15	15	17	16	35	37	12	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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