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Section 1 - Welcome

I will be speaking about DNA at the Finnish-American Society of the Midwest in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 2pm. It will take place at Grace Lutheran Church, 3030 W. Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 148,429



Bassett Arrowheads, named for the location found, Bassett, Bowie County, Texas

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[Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Edgar Charles Bassett wedding photograph](#)

Edgar Charles Bassett descends from #116B. John Bassett of Northampton, England as follows:

John Bassett (b. 1796) and wife Jane

George Bassett (b. 1820) and wife Sarah Hadbin

William M. Bassett (b. 1861) and wife Jane H. Berryman

Edgar Charles Bassett (b. 1895) and wife Grace Lorene Ahlsen



Edgar Charles Bassett and Grace Lorene Ahlsen Wedding Photograph

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Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Bassett Peak, Graham County, Arizona

Josiah Bassett descends from #57B William Bassett of Arkansas as follows:

William Bassett
Nathaniel Bassett and wife Sarah
Thomas Spear Bassett (b. 1818) and wife Sara
Josiah Bassett (b. 1838) and wife Susan Gibbs

The following is from Arizona Place Names:

Bassett Peak **Graham Co.** **U. S. G. S. Map, 1923.**
In T. 10 S., R. 20 E., at lower end of Galiuro mountains in Crook
N. F. "After Bob Bassett, early day cattleman who ran cattle
near this peak." Letter, H. T. Firth, Safford.



Picture of Bassett Peak, Arizona supplied by Ray Bassett

Although the place names says Bassett Peak is named after Bob Bassett, and early cattleman, I can find no Bob Bassett that ever settled in this area. It is more likely it is named for Josiah Bassett or one of his sons. They located in Graham County at a very early date.

PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD OF ARIZONA
Chapman Publishing Co., Chicago (1901)
Josiah S. Bassett

That Mr. Bassett is one of the most enterprising farmers of the Gila valley is a distinct evidence of his indomitable perseverance. Many discouraging trials have come his way, and many obstacles presented themselves, the surmounting of which would have formed to the average a bar to any kind of headway. The family of which he is a member were for years identified with the best agricultural interests of Arkansas, in which state he was born April 18, 1838. His parents, T.J. and Sarah Bassett, were also born in Arkansas, and the father eventually died within twenty miles of the scene of his birth. The mother subsequently removed to Texas, and after a long and useful life died in Fort Worth. Josiah S. was about sixteen when he went to Texas and became interested in farming, and for a long period was engaged in the same occupation. In order to better his condition he resolved upon an overland journey to Arizona, and the expedition remains to this day a memory replete with horror and ever-present danger and death. The Indians still regarded the plains and mountains as their undisputed possession, and gave the pale-faced intruders anything but a hearty welcome. Every day witnessed the murder of travelers, and the little expedition came upon many bodies of the slain. Some were burned and some were not, but the whole way was a terrible reminder of a possible ignominious fate.

Arriving at Safford, Ariz., Mr. Bassett found but two white families there, and very little improvement as yet effected. He began to till the soil with moderate success, and then removed to Dos Cabezas, where he engaged in the cattle business, and also had the mail route between Fort Bowie and the Cherry Cow mountains. In the former occupation he was interested for four years, and was mail carrier for six years. Upon selling out his interests at Dos Cabezoa he removed thirty-five miles southwest to the Hot Springs, where he farmed, and then located sixty miles below Phoenix. There he engaged in an unfortunate undertaking, the construction of the Bassett ditch, which consumed four years of time and all the money he had, but was swept away by floods.

Following this discouraging experience Mr. Bassett went to Phoenix, where he lived for five years, during which time he was in poor health, and labored at a disadvantage. Nevertheless he took the mail contract from Phoenix to Buckeye, and continued in that capacity for four years. At the end of that time he came to the Gila valley, which has since been his home. For a year he rented a farm, and then bought forty acres half way between Solomonville and Safford, where he still lives, although the place has since been sold to his son. He has since purchased what is known as the Olney ranch, one-half mile north of Solomonville on the river.

Interested in mining, Mr. Bassett owns claims in the Clarke and Lone Star district. He also owns one of the largest marble mines that has ever been located, at Dos Cabezas. He was disappointed in what seemed a lucky disposition of the property in 1899 for \$100,000, which deal fell through owing to the failure of a bank.

In 1842 Mr. Bassett married Susie Gibbs, and of this union there are six children: Mrs. Elizabeth Teal; Charles H., who lives at Dos Cabezas; Josiah, who is a farmer near Phoenix; Mrs. Susan L. Cooper; Mrs. George Nash; and Alice, who is living at home. In national politics Mr. Bassett is a firm believer in the principles and issues of the Democratic party, and has served for several years as a school trustee. During the Civil war he enlisted in Gould's Regiment, Twenty-third Cavalry, C.S.A., but served only three months, owing to the bite of a rattlesnake. As a reminder of his short war service he was troubled for sixteen years with a running sore.

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Section 4 – Featured Bassett: Ira James Bassett of Randwick, Gloucester, England

Ira James Bassett descends from #538B William Bassett of Randwick, England as follows:

William Bassett
William Bassett (b. 1830) and wife Jane Iddles
Ira James Bassett (b. 1862)

Gloucester Citizen, Wednesday, 27 January 1937
Death of Mr. I.J. Bassett, Of Ebley
Business Man and Local Preacher

A wide circle of friends in the Stroud district will learn with deep regret of the death which took place at his home at the Bungalow, Ebley, of Mr. Ira James Bassett, who was well-known in many spheres of work.

Of Randwick parentage, Mr. Bassett spent his boyhood days and his youth in Leeds, when his mother remarried and left the Stroud district. He early showed signs of business ability. When he returned to the Stroud district he was engaged in business as an oil merchant, and he became greatly interested in the Randwick Methodist Chapel.

There his staunch temperance principles came into conflict with the leaders, from whom he separated, and joined the Primitive Methodists in the village. He shortly after became one of the leaders in the building of the chapel at Cashes Green, of which he remained a trustee to the last.

Mr. Bassett, who was 74, served for a few years on the Stroud Board of Guardians, and was for ever a friend of the "down and out," when occasion demanded. He was a radical in politics, and for many years was a prominent local preacher, officiating chiefly at Methodist Chapels.

He was ever a fighter for truth, justice, freedom and peace, and he was of a very loving disposition, a fact to which many people who participated in his generosity and kindness could testify. In his latest years his Christian work was interrupted by illness and pain, which he bore with fortitude.

He leaves a widow and six children, two sons and four daughters.

National Probate Calendar

BASSETT Ira James of The Bungalow Ebley **Gloucestershire**
died 25 January 1937 Probate **Gloucester** 2 March to Paul
Herbert Bassett assurance representative.
Effects £1194 10s. 9d. Resworn £1519 10s. 9d.

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Section 5 – Featured Bassett: Death of James Valentine Bassett

James Valentine Bassett descends from the #34B Bassett line as follows:

George Bassett (b. 1735) and wife Hannah

John Bassett (b. 1765) and wife Sarah Boutell
Michael Bassett (b. 1796) and wife Margaret Jane Hutton
Bain Bassett (b. 1811) and wife Evas Bassett
Alexander Bullock Bassett (b. 1840) and wife Sarah Killops
Robert Henry Bassett (b. 1878) and wife Eliza Valentin
James Valentine Bassett



New York Times, September 19, 1964
James Bassett, 53, Borden CO. Official

WESTPORT, Conn., Sept. 18 - James V. Bassett of 12 Ellery Lane, a vice president of the Borden Company, died at his home today. He was 53 years old.

Mr. Bassett was made vice president last January. He had joined the firm in 1942 as assistant to the controller and in 1945 he was put in charge of the Borden foods companies export division operating in Central and South America. In 1952 he was made vice president in charge of the division and in 1962 was promoted to president.

Mr. Bassett had attended Columbia and New York Universities, and was a member of the Union League Club of New York City.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Jean Major Bassett; a son, Laurence W.; a daughter, Barbara Ann, and his mother, Mrs. Robert A. Bassett.

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Section 6 – Featured Bassett: Donah Bassett, Hollywood Negative Cutter

Edwin Leo Bassett descends from the #7B William Bassett line as follows:

Michael Bassett (b. 1726)
William Bassett (b. 1755) and wife Margaret McQuiddy
Thomas Bassett (b. 1791) and wife Polly Jackson
Thomas Bassett (b. 1821) and wife Julia Ann Weatherbee
Newton T. Bassett (b. 1843) and wife Lydia Ann Johnson
Charles Wilbur Bassett (b. 1869) and wife Eva M. Sparling
Clarence Leo Bassett (b. 1892) and wife Nancy Jane Holland
Edwin Leo Bassett (b. 1916) and wife Donah June Polk

Harrison Daily Times, May 6, 2010
Donah Bassett, 83, Phoenix, Ariz.

Donah Bassett, a negative cutter in Hollywood for more than four decades, died Tuesday, May 4 (2010) at a retirement community in Phoenix, Ariz. She was 83.

Born in Shawnee, Okla., on April 23, 1927, to Carl and Gladys Polk, Donah June Polk moved to California with her family in 1928. She attended high school and college in Santa Monica, and enjoyed studying art. She took a job as a film technician at Technicolor Film Laboratory in 1954, commencing a 42-year career in the movie industry. After establishing Donah Bassett and Associates in 1976, she had the pleasure to work with some of the finest directors and cinematographers in Hollywood. She retired in 1996, and moved to Arizona two years later, studying oil painting at local workshops and the Scottsdale Art School. Her art has been shown in numerous exhibitions and galleries in California and Arizona.

She worked on more than 200 films, including such classics as "Raging Bull" (1980), "Reds" (1981), "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial" (1982), "The Natural" (1984), "Amadeus" (1984), "Blue Velvet" (1986), "Wall Street" (1987), "Empire of the Sun" (1987), "JFK" (1991), "A League of Their Own" (1992) and "Legends of the Fall" (1994).

Survivors include her brother, Charles Taft, Phoenix; children Chris Scudder, Harrison; Cathy Bassett Goldman, Phoenix; and Craig Bassett, Hollywood; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

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Section 7 – Featured Bassett: Joel Bean Bassett, Lumberman of Minnesota

Joel Bean Bassett, descends from #4B Roger Bassett as follows:

Roger Bassett and wife Ann Holland
William Bassett (b. 1624) and wife Sarah Burt
William Bassett (b. 1647) and wife Sarah Hood
John Bassett (b. 1682) and wife Abigail Berry
Daniel Bassett (b. 1716) and wife Lydia Hood
John Bassett (b. 1739) and wife Ruth Newhall
Daniel Bassett (b. 1773) and wife Abigail Bean
Joel Bean Bassett (b. 1817) and wife Aurelia Bernard Carpenter

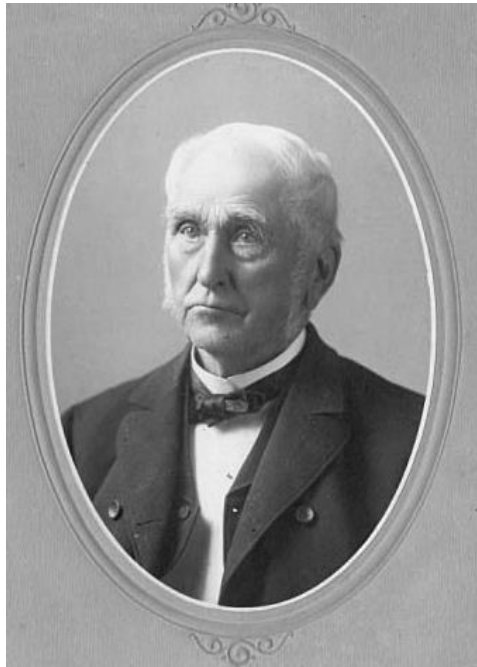
The Duluth Herald, February 3, 1912
Joel Bassett Dies
One of Mill City Founders Is Called at Age of 96

Minneapolis, Minn. Feb. 3 - Joel B. Bassett, one of the founders of Minneapolis, died Thursday night at Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. Bassett came to Minnesota in 1851, first to St. Anthony, and took one of the first claims on the west side of the river, just north of Bassett's creek, which bears his name. He settled on this claim in 1852, and that fall was elected the first probate judge of Hennepin county. In after years he was always known as Judge Bassett.

He was one of the pioneer lumbermen of Minnesota, and his name is closely woven in to the history of early Minneapolis, in business and in politics. Mrs. Bassett died a number of years ago, and W.L. Bassett, his son, is the only surviving child.

Mr. Bassett was born in New Hampshire March 12, 1816, and would have been 96 years old had he lived a few weeks longer. He had been a resident of Los Angeles for the last ten years, coming back each year for a short visit until last year.



Joel Bean Bassett

The Duluth Evening Herald, Friday, June 28, 1895
Stealing Is What Several Big Lumbermen Are Charged With by Uncle Sam
And They Will have to pay \$467,474.34 and Interest
Government Has Been Looking It Up for Two and a Half Years

St. Paul, June 28 - The United States, in an action brought today in the circuit court by Special Counsel John E. Stryker, alleges that a number of the most prominent lumbermen of Minnesota have, without any warrant, been devastating the northern part of the state, denuding the territory of its timber, and that they must pay the full market value of the lumber to the amount of \$467,474.34 and interest.

The defendants are: The Pine River Logging and Improvement company; Joel B. Bassett and William L. Bassett, co-partners as J.B. Bassett & Co.; John C. Pillsbury and Charles A. Smith, co-partners as C.. Smith & Co.

The technical offense is conversion, and the charge is that they unlawfully entered on the territory within the Mississippi and Winnebegoshish reservations and systematically cut the timber and converted the same to their own uses.

The timber has been worked into lumber of the value given. The government has been working up the case for two and one-half years.

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

The following family line has been added since the last newsletter.

538B. William Bassett of Randwick, Gloucester, England

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

One new kit was ordered for the #404B Bassetts of Bristol, England.

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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