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Section 1 - Welcome

No new trees added this month.

I will be in Cornwall, England, Tuesday 18 Sep 2018 and Wednesday 19 Sep 2018. I will be Newport Wales, from 20 Sep 2018 through 23 Sep 2018. I plan on visiting a dozen or so different Bassett sites.

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 150,523

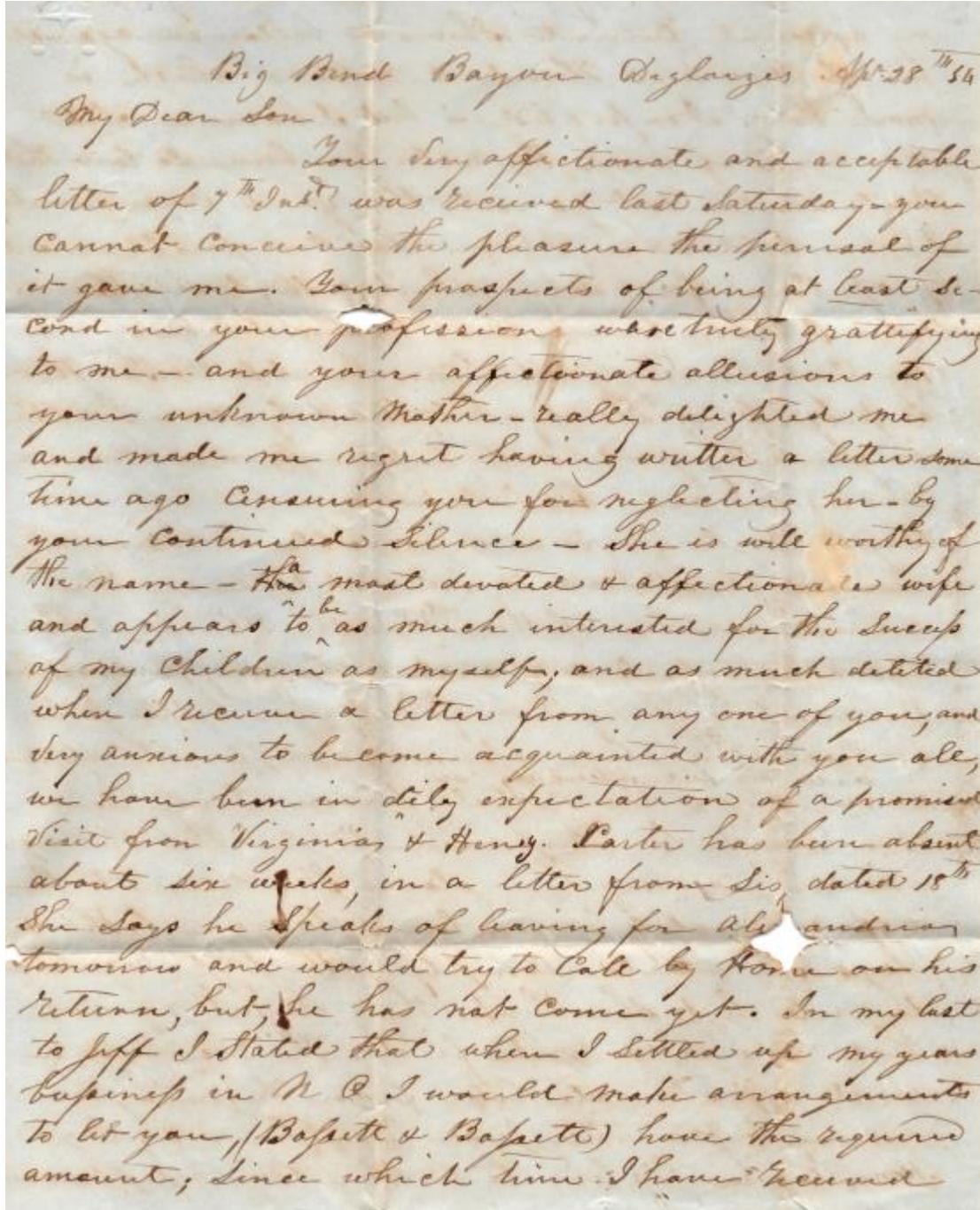


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Section 2 – Featured Bassett: Family Letter between William Henry Bassett and son Benjamin, 1854

William Henry Bassett descends from #59B Benjamin Carter Bassett as follows:

Benjamin Carter Bassett and wife Martha Davis
William Henry Bassett (b. 1796)
Benjamin Harrison Bassett



Big Bend Bayou Bayou D'Arlandes Apr 28th 54
My Dear Son
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Typed transcription of April 28, 1854, letter from William Henry Bassett (1796-1872) to his son Benjamin Harrison Bassett (1831-1893):

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Bayou Deglaizes is as unsociable as ever - only two ladys have called to see Mrs B. since her arrival and one of those only has she returned - she has never expressed a wish to see any person but the members of my own family - her happiness is at home; the place assumes a different appearance under her superintending care. She is the neatest person I ever saw - you would be surprised to see the change in me - and everything else - she desires to be affectionately remembered to you both and says she would comply with Jeff's request to write but she thinks that etiquette requires that he should write first. She received a most affectionate letter from Virginia on Monday last. Little Jesse Toon (her son) says I must give his love to Brother Ben and Jeff and says he hopes some future day to read law under their instruction - he is really a smart child though only 7 years old the 10th of this month, reads very well and spells remarkably well.

You mention having seen Marcus Fulton he is a debtor of mine (I believe) about one hundred and fifty dollars, which he promised to pay if he paid no other person; if there is any chance to get it I will send on his account. PH Glaze also owes me something if you should become acquainted with him. The bayou is healthy there are no changes - except the marriage of E H Satterfield to Miss Clara Taylor they live at the Burrow place which I understand he has purchased. In B.W. Kimballs trial the jury hung, eleven for conviction of assault & battery and one for attempting to commit a rape.

I am still in the dark with regard to Carters occupation - Virginia does not say a word about it. John Charrier is still living at the wood yard, he & wife desires to be remembered to you both. I wrote to Jeff about a week ago. Give my love to him. Write again - let me know if it would answer the same purpose to receive the amt you want at different periods if so I might do it without going more in debt - adieu my dear son and believe me as ever your affectionate and devoted father

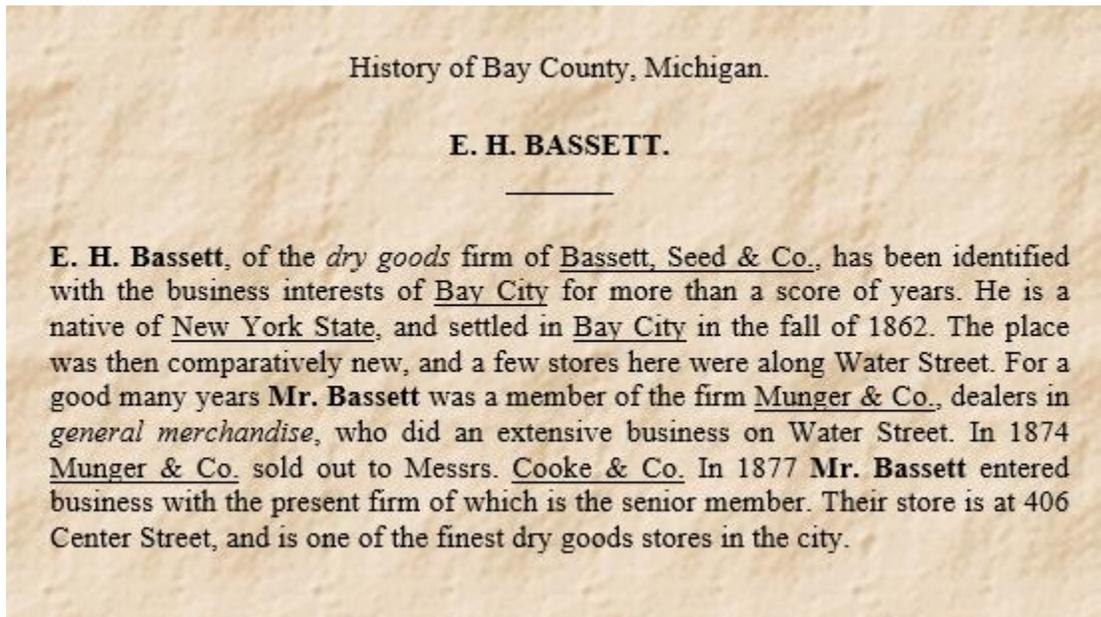
WH Bassett

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Section 3 – Featured Bassett: Edwin H. Bassett of Michigan, Dry Goods Merchant

Edwin H. 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.
William Bassett (b. 1731) and wife Mary Closson
William Bassett (b. 1753 and wife Avis Burdick
Lewis Bassett (b. 1776) and wife Dorcas Hoxie
William Riley Bassett (b. 1802) and wife Olive Munger
Edwin H. Bassett (b. 1832)



Bay City Tribune, Bay City, Michigan, Friday, October 28, 1910
Edwin H. Bassett, Weighmaster, Monitor, Instantly Killed On Tracks
Thought He Could Cross

"I Will Hurry Before Train Comes," he said to Assistant
Latter Stumbled Over Body

Edwin H. Bassett, 78 years old, weighmaster at the Monitor station of the Bay City Sugar Co., was instantly killed last night by a Michigan Central sugar beet train within 150 feet of his home. The entire train passed over

his body, the remains being horribly crushed and mangled. The train crew was not aware of the accident until informed after arrival in the Bay City yards, and the accident was witnessed by no one.

The body was found a few seconds after the train passed by Herman Seidensticker, his assistant. Mr. Bassett was 78 years of age and was employed by the Bay City Sugar Co. in the weighing station at Monitor. His residence was about 150 yards from the station. Last night he had eaten his supper and returned to the weighing station to finish some work, taking his assistant with him. He saw the train approaching as he locked the door, and sent the boy to close the gate leading to the yard behind the station at the same time remarking:

"I will hurry on and cross the track before the train comes."

In telling of the accident the boy said: "Mr. Bassett started up the track towards his house while I remained being to close the gate. He was carrying a lantern. I closed the gate and waited for the train to pass, but after it had gone I could not see the lantern, so I started towards the house. I did not know anything had happened to him until I stumbled over his body lying on the tracks."

Seidensticker summoned help and Coroner Kelley was called. He decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

W.W. Bassett, of Lincoln avenue, a brother, had been visiting Mr. Bassett, and left last night on the "miners" train from the Handy mine. It preceded the sugar beet train by about ten minutes.

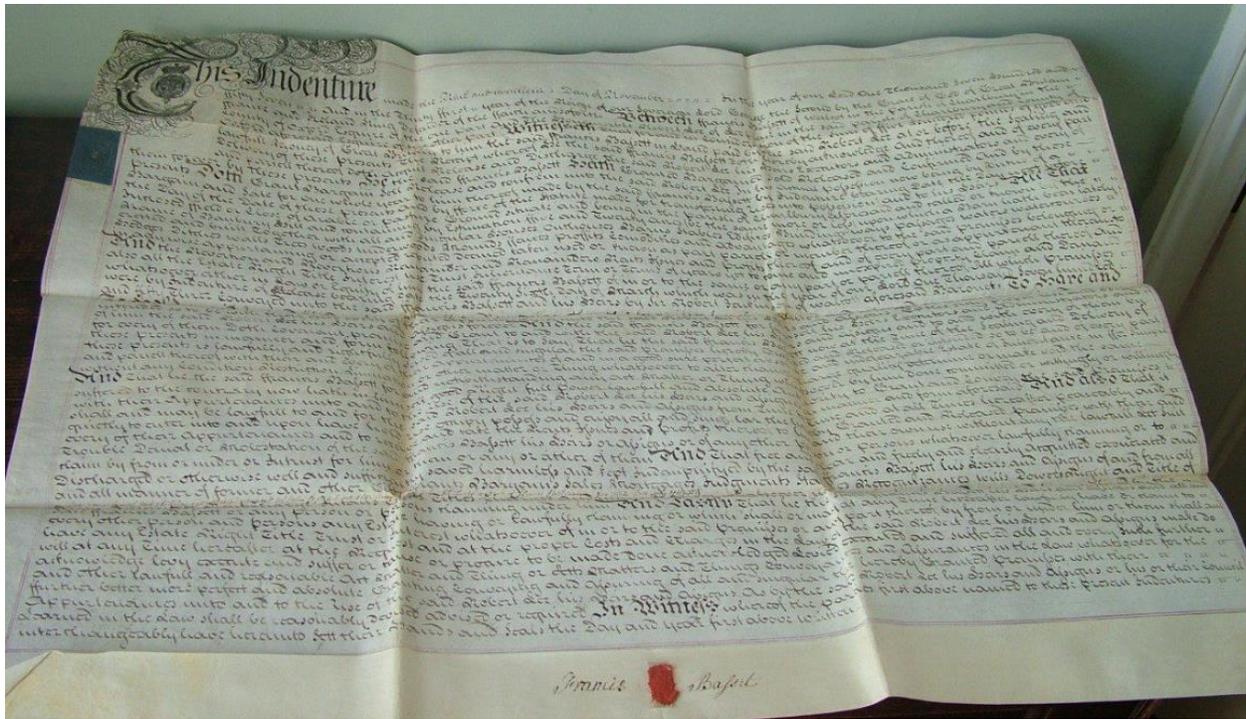
Mr. Bassett is survived by a widow, one son, James, and one daughter, Mrs. J.M.O. Jewitt, of Boston. The dead man was very well known in both Bay City and Bay county. The remains were taken to VanTuyl's undertaking rooms.

[Section 4 – Featured Bassett: Francis Basset of Cornwall Indenture Document from 1757](#)

Francis Basset of Tehidy, son of Francis and Margaret (St. Aubyn) Basset, was born 9 Aug 1757 in Walcot, Oxford. He was created a Baronet on 24 Nov 1779. He was named Lord de Dunstanville of Tehidy Park in Cornwall on 17 Jun 1796. He was also named Lord Basset of Stratton in Cornwall. He married Frances Susanna Coxe, daughter of John Hippisley Coxe of Ston Easton, Somerset, on 16 May 1780. She died 14 Jun 1823. He married (2) Harriet Lemon, daughter of Sir William Lemon, Bart. of Carclew, on 13 Jul 1824. He died 14 Feb 1835 when the title of de Dunstanville became extinct, while the Barony of Basset and the Tehidy estates passed to his daughter, Frances.



Francis Basset Seal



1757 CHARLBURY OXON VELLUM DOCUMENT INDENTURE FRANCIS BASSETT & Hon. ROBERT LEE
Currently for sale on ebay.



Francis Basset in 1778 from Wikipedia.
Portrait by Pompeo Batoni, Prado, Madrid

Section 5 – Featured Bassett: Edward F. Bassett Furniture of North Haven, Connecticut

Edward. F. 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
Abraham Bassett (b. 1692) and wife Mehitable Street
Abraham Bassett (b. 1733) and wife Lydia Smith
Isaac Bassett (b. 1762) and wife Rosanna Pardee
Zerah Bassett (b. 1795) and wife Marinda Doolittle
Edward F. Bassett (b. 1823) and wife Laura Linsley



This store was established by E.F. Bassett in 1855 on Bank Street.

History of New Haven County, Connecticut, Volume 2
Biographical Sketches

Edward F. Bassett, born in Woodbury, Conn., in 1823, is s son of Zerah, a native of North Haven, born October 11th, 1795. His grandfather was Isaac Bassett, a soldier in the revolutionary war. His great-grandfather was Abram Bassett. Zerah was a carriage maker, and carried on business in Woodbury for upward of 25 years. He settled in Seymour about 1836. He married Miranda Doolittle, of Wallingford, Conn., born August 1st, 1795. They had two children, Edward F. and Maria L. Zerah Bassett died October 23d, 1839, and Miranda, his wife died January 21st, 1867. Maria L. Bassett married Isaac H. Davis. Edward F. married, in 1849, Laura Linsley, of Woodbury, Conn. They have one daughter, Jennie L. Mr. Bassett engaged in the furniture, undertaking and house furnishing business in Seymour in 1847, which he conducted until 1889, when he retired. He was town clerk for one year. His

store was burned with all its contents in 1882, but he rebuilt and continued the business.

Waterbury and the Naugatuck Valley
Its Fire Department

On the 18th of April, 1882, E.F. Bassett's large, three story furniture store on Bank Street was destroyed by fire, together with two smaller stores owned by S.Y. Beach and a house owned by L.A. and S.P. Camp. The impossibility of extinguishing the fire until four buildings had been burned, made the necessity of efficient fire apparatus quite evident.

Seymour and Vicinity, Business Directory

E.F. Bassett, dealer in Furniture and House Furnishing Goods, and General Furnishing Undertaker, Maple street, near First.

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Section 6 – Featured Bassett: Baylies Sheffield Bassett of Alfred, New York

Baylies Sheffield 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 Sarah Sweetland
William Bassett (b. 1694) and wife Mary Crossman
William Bassett (b. 1726) and wife Lydia Fisher
Jedidiah Bassett (b. 1751) and wife Elizabeth Chandler
John Chandler Bassett (b. 1795) and wife Martha St. John
Baylies Stockton Bassett (b. 1821) and wife Esther Crandall
Baylies Sheffield Bassett (b. 1871) and wife A. Bell Sante

**The Graded School begins
in a few days now**

If the boy needs a new Suit or pair of Shoes
to start in with, come in and take advantage
of our Special Prices.

**20 Per Cent Reduction on
all Boys' Knee Pant Suits**

**10 Per Cent Reduction on
Boys' Shoes** 🌸 🌸 🌸

GUESS on Our Increase of Business in the
Month of August over the August
of Ten Years Ago.

\$5.00 Suit Case for the nearest correct guess

\$4.00 Pair of Walk-Over Shoes for 2d prize

A guess with every 50c purchase

**B. Sheffield Bassett,
Alfred, New York**

The Sun, Alfred, New York, August 25, 1909

The Alfred Sun, Allegany County, New York, February 19, 1948
Sheffield Funeral Held Wednesday

Baylies Sheffield Bassett, more familiarly known as Sheff Bassett, died Saturday at the Benson Nursing Home in Almond following a five months' illness. He was 76 years of age.

He was the son of Baylies Bassett and Mary Green Bassett and was born on Bennett's Creek, but when he was five years old his family moved to Alfred and purchased what is now known as the Kappa Delta House, where he and his family lived for many years. He attended Alfred Academy and later connected with the Erlich Clothing Store in Hornell. He purchased the Allen Clothing Store in Alfred which was operated until 1940. On April 5, 1909, he married Belle Santee of Hornell, who passed away in 1937. They had two sons, B. Stockton Bassett, who died in 1938, and Harold Bassett of Oneida, who survives.

For many years Mr. Bassett was agent for the Equitable Life Insurance Company, taking over the business of the late William H. Crandall. He also served that company in the capacity of district manager for the surrounding area, which is comprised of several counties. He held this position until his recent retirement because of ill health.

He was a member of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, a trustee of Alfred University, and a member of the Board of Visitors of the New York State Agricultural and Technical Institute.

Funeral service were held on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock from the Landon Funeral Home in Hornell, with the Rev. E.T. Harris officiating, and interment in the Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Civil War Photos of Chauncey J. Bassett

Chauncey J. Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
William Bassett (b. 1624) and wife Mary Raynesford
William Bassett (b. 1656) and wife Rachel Willison
Nathan Bassett (b. 1685) and wife Mary Stetson
Nathan Bassett (b. 1715) and wife Thankful Fuller
Nathan Bassett (b. 1750) and wife Mary Bourne
Nathan Bassett (b. 1793) and wife Maria Houck
Chauncey J. Bassett (b. 1830) and wife Lydia Bradley

Chauncey J. Bassett

Chauncey J. Bassett of Allegan died May 8, 1864 at St. Louis, MO, in the service of the United States.

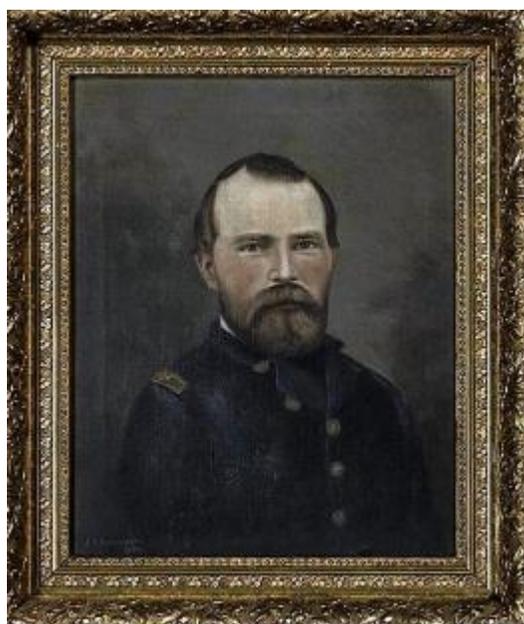
Lydia P. Bassett of Berkshire, Mass., petitioned Feb. 24, 1865 to be appointed Administrator. Heirs at law:

LYDIA P. Bassett, widow of said deceased, of Lee, Berkshire Co. Mass.
two minor children: Austin Bradley Bassett 6 years old on Jan. 23, 1865, and Mary Emma Bassett 4 years old on July 26, 1864.

Lydia P. Bassett was lawfully married to Chauncy J. Bassett on January 5, 1856 at Lee, Mass. by Nahum Gall, pastor of the Congregational Church of Lee. Final Account filed March 28, 1866.

Military Operations in Louisiana in 1862

On the way down the river a Confederate battery at Grand Gulf fired about sixty shots at short range at the transports, killing one private and wounding one officer, Captain Chauncey J. Bassett, of the 6th Michigan Regiment.



Paintings owned by the Allegan County Historical Society

To read more about Civil War Soldier Chauncey J. Bassett, click on the link below.

<http://allegannews.com/allegan-news-news/portrait-donated-historical-society-%E2%80%98lest-we-forget%E2%80%99>

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

No family lines add or combined in the past month.

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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.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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