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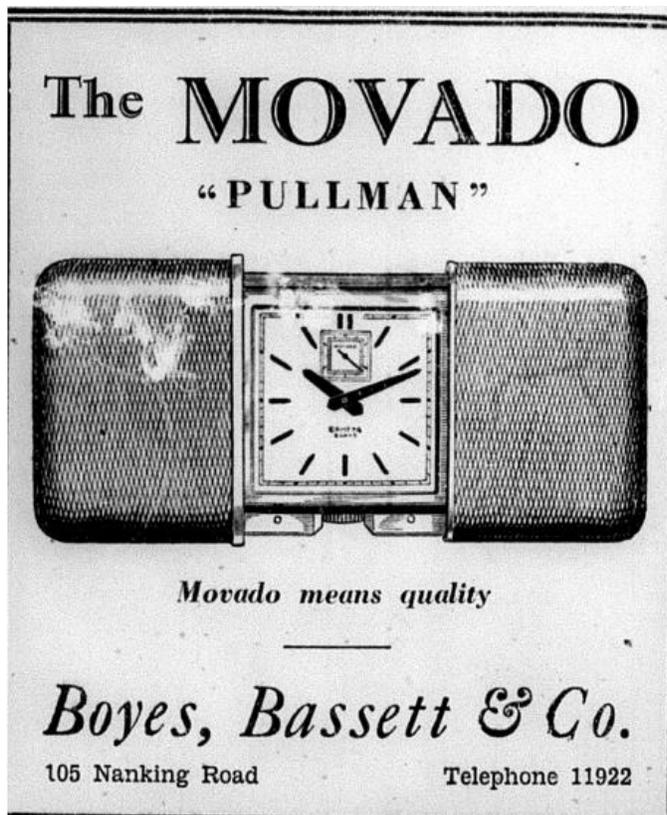
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Section 1 - Welcome

No new lines added this month.

Family Tree DNA is having a Thanksgiving sale. 37 marker Y-DNA kits are on sale for just \$99. Family Finder tests are just \$49. Contact me if you want to order a test kit or order directly from Family Tree DNA.

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 150,667



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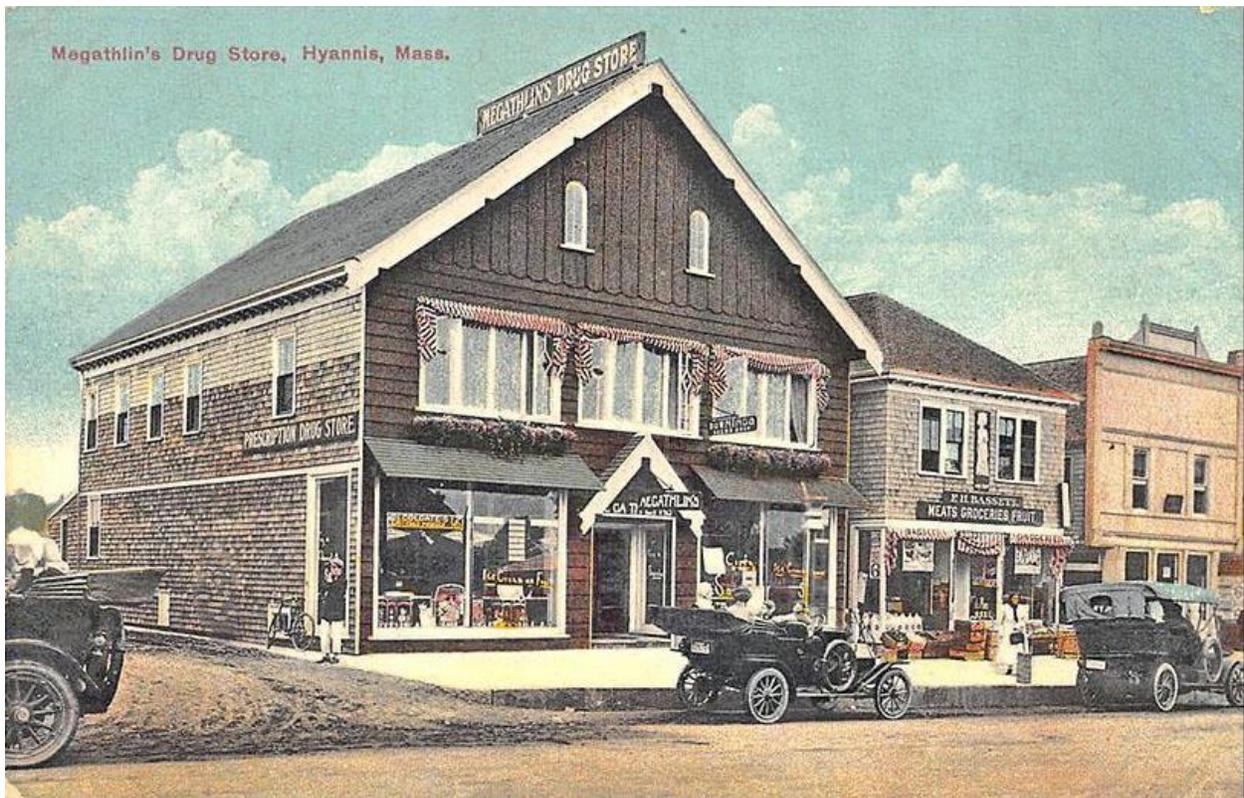
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Section 2 – Featured Bassett: F.H. Bassett, Meats, Groceries, Fruit:

Ferdinand H. Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
Nathaniel Bassett (b. 1628) and wife Dorcas Joyce
Joseph Bassett (b. 1669) and wife Susannah Howes
Daniel Bassett (b. 1710) and wife Elizabeth Crowell
Daniel Bassett (b. 1736) and wife Hannah Studley
Joseph Bassett (b. 1763) and wife Nancy Howes
Gerry Bassett (b. 1810) and wife Bethia C. Hallett
Ferdinand Hallett Bassett (b. 1842) and wife Caroline Baker



F. H. Bassett Meats Groceries Fruits (to the right of Megathlin's Drug Store)

Captain Ferdinand H. Bassett, son of Gerry Bassett, was born in Barnstable, Massachusetts, March 28, 1842, died December 12, 1902. He was educated in the public schools of the village of Hyannis in his native town, and early in life began to follow the sea on his father's ship. He became a master mariner in course of time and commanded a vessel in the coast trade. In 1885, on account of failing eyesight, he retired from the sea and established himself in business in Hyannis as a dealer in groceries and provisions. Owing to his ill health, much of the care and management of the business was assumed by his capable wife. The business was successfully conducted after his death by his widow, assisted by their two sons, under the old firm name. He was a Republican in politics, and a Universalist in religion. He married, January 1, 1874, Caroline Elizabeth Baker, born May 24, 1846, at South Dennis,

Massachusetts, daughter of Judah Baker (see Baker VI). Three children: 1. Ferdinand C., but known as F. Clifton, born March 29, 1876; an accountant in Boston; married Stella F. Nickerson; two children: Muriel and Leonard. 2. Elisha B., born October 1, 1877; a partner in the grocery business with his brother in Hyannis; married Lillie F. Washburn, who died after one year, leaving a daughter, Frances Elizabeth. 3. Winthrop Davis, born July 19, 1880; in grocery business with brother, Elisha B.; married Millicent Bacon; one son, Russell Fearing.

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Section 3 – Featured Bassett: Alexander Charles Bassett Photograph:

Alexander Charles Bassett descends from #65B John Bassett of Gloucestershire as follows:

John Bassett (b. 1770) and wife Jane Bailey
James Bassett (b. 1826) and wife Catherine Elizabeth (Dibbin) Burrow
James Bassett (b. 1863) and wife Annie Rebecca Muxworthy
Alexander Charles Bassett (b. 1906) and wife Nancy Beatrice Twiggs.

I want to thank David Bassett (son of Alexander) and Mary (Bassett) Alvarez (granddaughter of Alexander) for taking the time to meet with me during my recent trip to England and Wales.



Alexander Charles Bassett taken in 1913
Picture provided by Mary (Bassett) Alvarez

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Section 4 – Featured Bassett: Samuel Bassett, Mayor of New Britain, Connecticut

Samuel Bassett descends from 549B. William A. of New York City as follows:

William A. Bassett and wife Glovina Ryder
Samuel Bassett



Samuel Bassett from Men of Progress

The Highland Democrat, Saturday, August 19, 1911
Obituary
Sam Bassett

After displaying remarkable recuperative powers in the face of a losing battle against disease, ex-Mayor Samuel Bassett passed away at his home on Chestnut street at 1.40 o'clock this morning. He had been unconscious since the early hours of Saturday morning and the relatives at his bedside had hourly expected his death.

His devoted wife and his nephews, A. Blanchard, of Hartford, have been constantly at his bedside since Saturday morning. The ex-mayor is mourned today not merely by relatives and intimate friends, but by the thousands of citizens of New Britain, who so frequently honored him with positions of trust and confidence.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the First Baptist Church. A telegram has been sent to Rev. I.F. Stidham, former pastor of the church, asking him to conduct the service. The Masonic service will be used. In accordance with a last wish of the deceased the remains will lie in state at the church from 12 until 1 o'clock on Wednesday. Mr. Bassett expressed a wish before he died that his many friends among the working class might have such an opportunity to take a last look at his features. He always prided himself upon his friendship with the workmen, although he was held in equal high xxxxxxx of New Britain.

Samuel Bassett was born in New York city Sep. 25, 1841, the son of William A. and Glovina (Ryder) Bassett. He never had a clear recollection of his father, who while in command of the New York news fleet lost his life in the discharge of his duty, when his son Samuel was only 16 months old. He was educated in private schools and graduated from the Classical and Commercial

Institute, Portchester, N.Y., Oct. 1, 1860.

When the war clouds rolled over the land in 1860, the ex-mayor promptly enlisted. He served as first lieutenant of the 135th New York Infantry and as captain of the Sixth New York Heavy Artillery. After working in the Brooklyn Navy yard for five years he came to New Britain on April 8, 1872. The late Andrew F. Corbin was largely responsible for bringing Samuel Bassett to New Britain. Mr. Corbin had met the young man, while looking after the interests of P. & F. Corbin in New York City. At the suggestion of the prominent manufacturer, Mr. Bassett accepted a position as paymaster at P. & F. Corbin's, where he remained for 16 years.

He was married Sept. 2, 1862, to Jennie Smith, of Peekskill. Their only child, William A. Bassett, died in 1866. In addition to his wife, Mr. Bassett is survived by a half-sister, Miss A. G. Bloomer, of Peekskill, and a nephew, A. Blanchard, who is superintendent of shops for the Connecticut company in Hartford.

Samuel Bassett was elected first selectman in 1877 and held this office for six consecutive terms of a year each. Resigning his position as selectman in 1893, Mr. Bassett was appointed postmaster by President Grover Cleveland. Entering the realm of state politics, Mr. Bassett was Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor in 1893, but his party was not successful in carrying the state. In this campaign Mr. Bassett demonstrated his loyalty to the principles of democracy.

Elected mayor in 1900, he served three consecutive terms as the thirteenth chief executive of New Britain. The interesting fact about his mayoralty experience is that he was thrice elected Democratic mayor of a city which ordinarily gives a comfortable majority to the Republican ticket. Party lines fell down when "Sam" Bassett was up for office. Although he was not elected sheriff for Hartford County he had the satisfaction of carrying every ward in this city. He was appointed on the Board of Assessors by Mayor Halloran in the spring of 1910.

The ex-mayor was identified with a number of fraternal organizations in this city but he devoted particular attention to the Masonic Order. He was a pastmaster of Centennial Lodge, high priest of Giddings Chapter, R.A.M., master in Doric Council, grandmaster of the grand lodge, grand high priest of the grand chapter, grand master of the grand council, deputy chief of the Red men, past assistant quartermaster of the Putnam Phalanx and a member of New Britain lodge of Elks. He was a director of the New Britain general hospital and a member of the First Baptist Church - New Britain (Conn) Herald. Aug. 14.

Section 5 – Featured Bassett: Robert W. Bassett of Holden, Massachusetts

Robert W. 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 Bump

Benjamin Bassett (b. 1712) and wife Hannah Macomber

Benjamin Bassett (b. 1742) and wife Mercy Crossman

Benjamin Bassett (b. 1774) and wife Sarah Sherman

Prelate H. Bassett and wife Mary Nickerson

Moses Sherman Bassett (b. 1844) and wife Fidelia Eoxanna Durant

Arthur L. Bassett (b. 1889) and wife Mary B. Diminitis

Robert W. Bassett (b. 1919) and wife Marjorie Clark



Business Card recently for sale on e-bay

Worcester Telegram & Gazette, Massachusetts, 17 Oct 1991
Robert Bassett Sr., 72

HOLDEN - Robert W. Bassett Sr., 72, of Wachusett Street died yesterday in The Medical Center of Central Massachusetts-Hahnemann, after a long illness.

He leaves his wife, Marjorie E. (Clark) Bassett; three sons, Robert W. Bassett Jr. of Suncook, N.H., and Arthur L. and David R. Bassett, both of Rutland; five grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. Born in Holden, he was the son of Arthur L. and Mary B. (Dominitis) Bassett, and lived here all his life.

Mr. Bassett was head maintenance mechanic at O.S. Walker Co. in Worcester for 34 years, retiring in 1986. He was a member of the Rabbit Breeders Association and the Bee Keeper's Association, both in Worcester. Mr. Bassett graduated from Worcester Boys Trade High School. He was a technical sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in the Asiatic Pacific Theater. Private funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family. Burial will be in Grove Cemetery. Calling hours at Miles Funeral home, 1158 Main St., are 7 to 9 tonight. The family request that flowers be omitted. Memorial contributions may be made instead to the American Cancer Society, 7 Oak St., Worcester 01609.

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Section 6 – Featured Bassett: Death of William Howard Bassett of Michigan

William H. Bassett descends from 243B. Eligah Bassett of Ontario, Canada as follows:

Eligah Bassett

Isaac Bassett (b. 1818) and wife Sarah Widdifield

William R. Bassett (b. 1843) and wife Harriet Widdifield

Alvin Jonathan Bassett (b. 1867) and wife Alice

Gordon Miller Bassett (b. 1893) and wife Dora May Apps

William Howard Bassett (b. 1923)

Traverse City Record-Eagle, Michigan, Friday, August 24, 2018

William H. Bassett

December 27, 1923 - August 17, 2018

William Howard Bassett, 94 years old, passed away on Friday, Aug. 17, 2018 surrounded by family and friends at Clark Retirement Community in Grand Rapids.

Bill was born Dec. 27, 1923 at home in Ferndale with a birth weight of 13 pounds, 8 ounces. He is believed to be the biggest baby born in the city that year. He was the fourth child born to Gordon and Dora Bassett who went on to have five more children for a total of nine. Times were tough during the depression, but Gordon did carpentry work and Dora had a large garden where the family grew many vegetables and canned enough for their needs.

Bill always worked and had many jobs during high school, including delivering ice to customers and building trailers. He graduated from McKenzie High School in 1942.

Bill began work with Michigan Bell Telephone Company in that year and worked there until February 1944 when he was drafted for World War II. After basic training in Washington State Bill was selected as a pole climbing instructor because of his skills he learned at Michigan Bell. He was promoted to Corporal and eventually Sergeant when on maneuvers in Louisiana. He was sent overseas in August and landed in France with the fighting 44th Infantry Division Artillery Liaison Group. Bill's troupe would direct fire upon targets from the Big Guns. Bill had four brothers also served overseas in World War II. His brother, Ralph, was killed in action in the skies over Italy. Brothers, Ron, Doug and Gordon fought overseas and survived. The 44th moved across France and into Germany, where Bill received the Bronze Star for bravery under fire by leading his platoon after his captain was killed in action. After VE Day (Victory in Europe), he returned home July 1945 and was training to return to action against Japan when the Japanese surrendered. Bill went back to work at Michigan Bell Telephone Company in August 1945.

He married Vivian Hedden in 1952 and built a nice home on Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. Bill had two sons, William H. Jr. in 1956 and Jonathan Neel in 1960. He continued his advancement at Michigan Bell in Ann Arbor as a second line foreman and finally as district plant manager in Detroit.

Bill was active in his sons' development as a manager of their baseball teams and as leader of their Indian Guide Troupes. He had the family involved in the Livonia Weekenders Camping Club, where he served as president and participated in camping at least one weekend every month and for two weeks in the summer. Both he and Vivian instilled in the boys a love of nature through their many camp outs and camping trips over the years. As a family they traveled to over 30 states and Canada. Bill also worked as a group leader by mentoring high school students in business through the Junior Achievement program.

Bill was an avid roller hockey player in his early years and became a good golfer, winning many trophies in club tournaments. He also was an active member in the Elks Club.

When Bill retired after 39 years at Michigan Bell, he and Vivian wintered in

Florida. He purchased a cottage on Lake Placid near Kalkaska and eventually sold that and bought an old house on Lake Leelanau. He put a large addition on this old house to complete his beautiful home. He was known as a very hard worker and had many skills. Family was very important to Bill and he took pride in hosting the annual Bassett reunion for over 30 years often drawing 50-plus relatives. "Pops" was known for his quick wit and his great sense of humor.

Bill was very generous in friends and family. He started college scholarship programs at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. These scholarships provide four to six students per year with financial support of \$500 to \$1,000 annually.

Bill lost his previous wife, Vivian, in 1999. He married Vivian Scranton Bassett, of Traverse City, in 2000. They lived in Traverse City for a few years and then at Clark Retirement Home in Grand Rapids since 2005.

Bill is survived by Vivian Scranton Bassett; brother, Ronald Bassett; sons, William H. Bassett Jr. (Laurie) and Jonathan Bassett (Cheryl); grandson, Wesley Bassett (Chelsea); granddaughters, Patricia Bassett, Katie Bassett Faipler (Jason) and Sarah Bassett; great-granddaughter, Adelyn Bassett; and twin great-grandsons, Huxley and Cohen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon and Dora Bassett; sisters, Allie and May; brothers, Jack, Ralph, Gordon, Doug and Bobby; first wife, Vivian Hedden Bassett; and grandson, Landon Bassett.

Bill was cremated as per his wishes and a celebration of life honoring him will be scheduled in mid October in Grand Rapids with details to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Friends of the National World War II Memorial, 921 Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 316, Washington, D.C. 20003.

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[Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Alan Basset of Oxfordshire and surrounding areas of England](#)



While on my recent trip to England, I drove through several Bassett villages on the way to Cornwall. All of these villages were named for the Bassett family that owned and ruled this area of England back in the 1200's. Alan Basset first owned these estates and later passed on some of them to his children. Fulk Basset, Bishop of London was a son of Alan.



Fulk Basset Seal – Bishop of London

Dictionary of National Biography, Volume 3

BASSET, ALAN (*d.* 1232–3), baron, was a younger son of Thomas Basset of Hedendon, Oxfordshire [see **BASSET, THOMAS**]. In favour alike with Richard I and with John, he received from the former the lordships of Woking and Mapledurwell, and from the latter those of Wycombe and Berewick. With his brothers Gilbert and Thomas he accompanied John to Northampton, when the king of Scots did his homage (22 Nov. 1200), which he tested (*ROG. HOV.* i. 142), and continued throughout John's reign in close attendance on the court, accompanying the king to Ireland in 1210 (*Rot. de Præst.*) and to Runnymede (15 June 1215), his name, with that of his brother Thomas, appearing in Magna Carta among those of the king's counsellors. At the accession of Henry III he was one of the witnesses to his re-issue of the charter (11 Nov. 1216), and on the royalist reaction his loyalty was rewarded by his being occasionally employed in the Curia Regis and sent to France on a political mission in 1219–20. He also acted as sheriff of Rutland from 1217 to 1229. Dying in 1232–3 (*Fin. 17 H. III*, m. 10) he left three sons: Gilbert, his heir [q. v.]; Fulk, afterwards bishop of London [q. v.]; and Philip, afterwards justiciary of England [q. v.]

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

No lines added or combined since the last newsletter.

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

Note. Family Tree DNA is having a Thanksgiving sale and has 37 marker y-DNA test kits on sale for \$99 and Family Finder kits for just \$49.

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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