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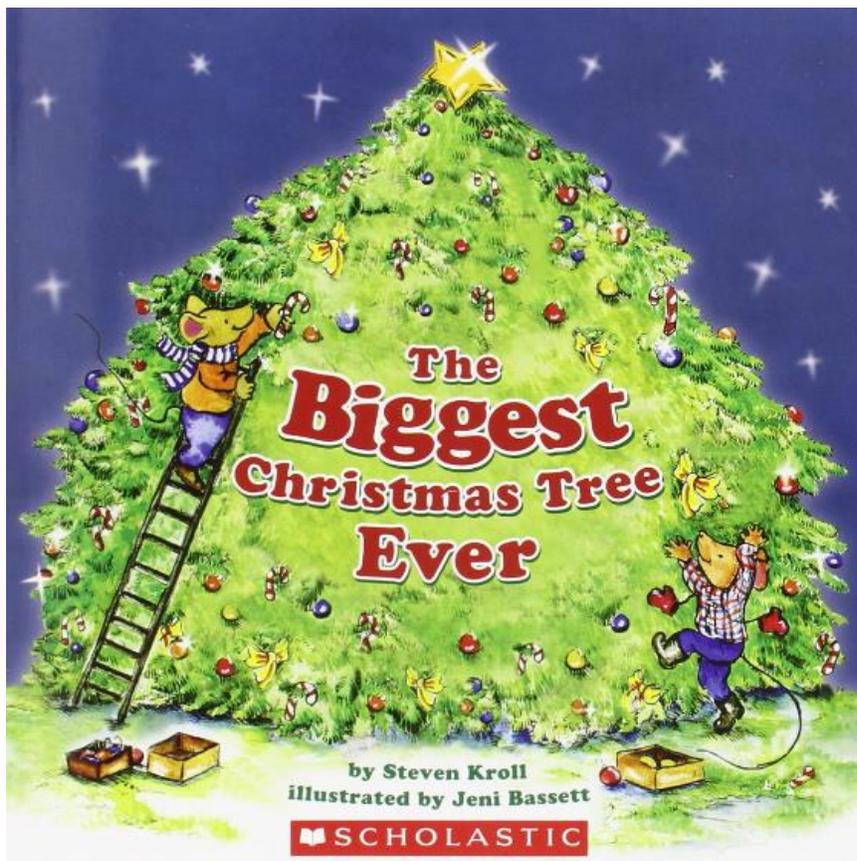
Section 1 - Welcome

No new trees added to the database this month.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of my Bassett contacts.

Next year will start my 17th year of publishing a monthly Bassett newsletter.

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 150,765



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Section 2 – Featured Bassett: Gustavus Bassett of Buffalo, New York

Gustavus 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
William Bassett (b. 1680) and wife Abigail Bourne
Thomas Bassett (b. 1718) and wife Patience Toby
William Bassett (b. 1749) and wife Mary Smith
John Bassett (b. 1783) and wife Lucy Fessender
Gustavus Bassett

HATS, CAPS, ETC.
AT COST
FOR ONE MONTH!

ON account of a change in business, the subscriber
will sell till **MAY 1st,**

His Stock of \$15,000 Worth of
HATS, CAPS,
FURS, GLOVES,
UMBRELLAS,
TRAVELING BAGS,
CANES,
Furnishing Goods, &c. &c.

at COST. The assortment is complete. The Goods
have been BOUGHT FOR CASH, and will be sold at
such prices as to make it AN OBJECT for purchasers,
who would

Save from 25 to 40 per Cent.

This is no humbug, and bargains can be had. Call
and see
apl **GUSTAVUS BASSETT,**
205 Main street.

Evening Courier & Republic, Buffalo, New York, April 2, 1869

Daily Inter Ocean, Chicago, Illinois, Saturday, September 28, 1889

Answered Death's Call

William R. Bassett, One of Chicago's Well Known Characters, Passes Away

A Simple, Honest, Kind-hearted Man Whom the Poor Will Badly Miss

William R. Bassett

None of those who knew him in life, however remotely, will hear without a pang of regret that "Billy" Bassett died at a little before 7 o'clock yesterday morning at his residence, No. 1329 Wabash avenue. The familiar nickname by which every one knew him may seem somewhat out of place now that death has come, but the man was so genial, so unaffected, so kind-hearted that none ever thought of addressing him by anything other than the familiar and endearing title.

Mr. Bassett's death had been expected ever since an attack of apoplexy struck him down Wednesday night. He never regained consciousness afterward.

The career of Billy Bassett was not particularly eventful, but it was in many respects a remarkable one. He began life in Chicago something like thirty years ago as a bus driver, and when he quit this life he left an estate worth from \$35,000 to \$40,000. It was all amassed through his own perseverance and honest industry.

He was born in Buffalo, N.Y., in 1840, and was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Gustavus Bassett, who have resided in Buffalo for over sixty years. Though he had no brothers, he was blessed with five sisters, and, as is usual in such cases, was the idol of the family. His father conducted and still carried on quite an extensive hat, cap, and fur business in Buffalo. When William quit school he didn't care to follow in the footsteps of his father. He wanted to build his own fortune, and in compliance with his request he was sent to Chicago. This was some time before the war.

Upon his arrival in Chicago he was given a situation in the hat, cap and fur store of Bassett & Hammond, the senior member of the firm being his uncle. A fortnight in this business was enough, and he quit it and started out on his own hook.

Left to his own resources, he hired himself out to S.B. and M.O. Walker as a bus driver. He remained in this position a year or so, and at the end of that time had saved up enough money to buy a hack and team of horses of his own. He was genial and accommodating, and his business thrived. In the course of a few years he opened a livery stable, which is now estimated to be worth over \$20,000.

No man in the Second Ward, whether in politics or one of it, was more popular than Billy Bassett. Generous to a fault and always in a good humor, was his normal condition. No man ever went to him in want and came away empty-handed.

"I drove a hack for him for over fifteen years," remarked Gus Otis, one of the old-time hackman, last night, "and in all that time I never knew him to do a mean thing. Many's the time I've seen fellows come to him hard up, and he always helped them out."

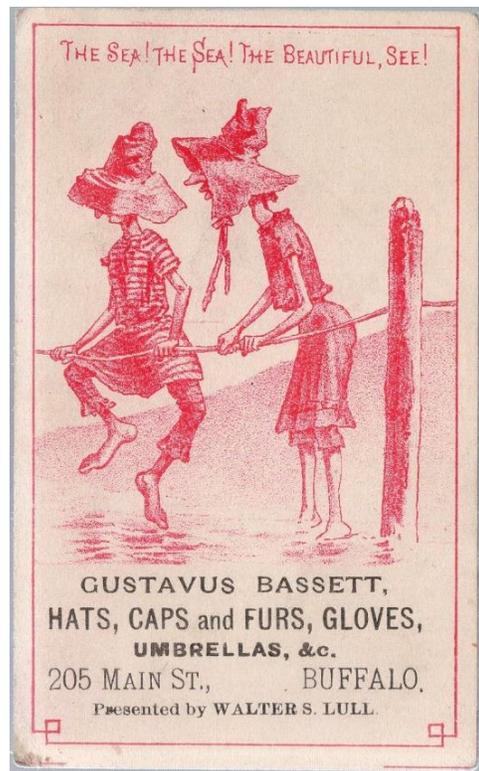
"That's so," put in Charlie Moynihan. "I drove for him six years. I remember, not long before I quit driving for him, we were out to Mount Greenwood Cemetery and he bought a lot. It surprised me, and I asked what he wanted it for, and he answered with a good natured laugh. 'If any of my boys die there is a place for them.' Not long after that a roustabout who worked in his stable died, and though the fellow had only worked in the barn two weeks, he paid all his funeral expenses. That wasn't the only time I have known him to pay for burying boys who died out of luck. Several times I remember of his hearing of the death of someone he had known in prosperity, but who owing to hard luck, died penniless. He would go around quietly and put up the money to give them a decent funeral."

"I have known Billy Bassett a good many years," said John Long, of the Park Theater, "and a kinder-hearted man I never knew. Never made much of a display, but many are the fellows that he has bridge over financial troubles by his generous assistance. I'll venture to say that no one will miss him more than the poor of his neighborhood. If he heard of any family in distress he couldn't rest easy till he had given them help. Another thing about Billy, you always knew where he stood. He wouldn't be your friend to your face, and the minute your back was turned cut your throat. Whatever he said you could count on."

"Some years ago he opened a restaurant at No. 336 South Side street," said Charlie Matthews, and old friend, "and for over a year and a half he kept a kind of open house there for his friends. Whenever one of the boys would come around broke, Billy would give him a good square meal and never charge him a cent for it. He was an excellent eaterer, but the best of them can't run a business on perpetual tick, and a year ago he sold out."

Mr. Bassett's father arrived yesterday, and other members of his family will arrive in time for the funeral. The service will be conducted from the Railroad Chapel, No. 1421 State street, Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

The sermon will be preached by the Rev. C. M. Morton. The burial will take place at Mount Greenwood Cemetery. The funeral train will leave Polk Street Depot at 12 o'clock. His friends are invited to attend.



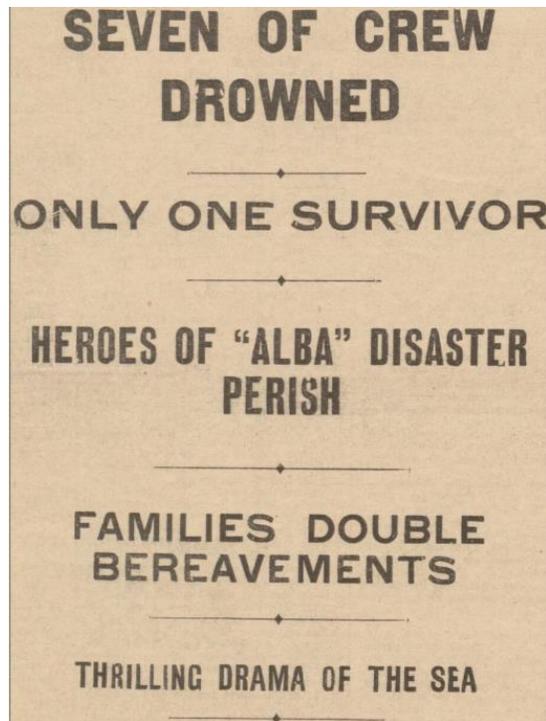
Gustavus Bassett trading card for sale on ebay

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[Section 3 – Featured Bassett: Edgar Bassett Lifeboat Disaster, 1939, St. Ives Cornwall](#)

Edgar Bassett descends from #162 Morgan Bassett of St. Ives, Cornwall, England as follows:

Morgan Bassett
Rees Bassett (b. 1690) and wife Elizabeth
Robert Bassett (b. 1731) and wife Catherine Jenkins
Thomas Bassett (b. 1761) and wife Elizabeth Glanville
Thomas Bassett (b. 1810) and wife Ann Quilliam
Edward Bassett (b. 1847) and wife Anne Quick
John Bassett (b. 1869) and wife Annie Bryant
Edgar Bassett (b. 1908)

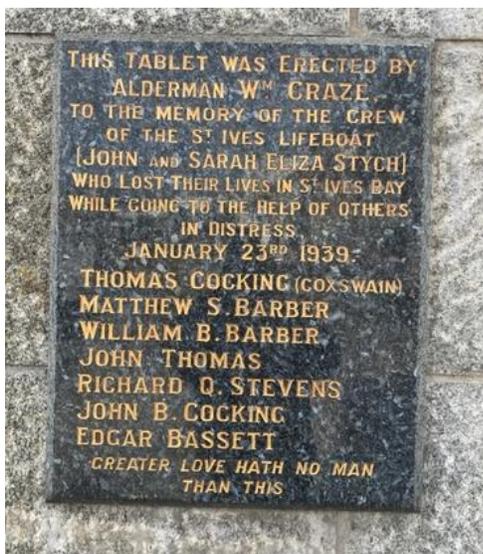


The Cornishman and Cornish Telegraph, Thursday, January 26, 1939

From Our Own Reporter, St. Ives

Drama and stark tragedy rode the Cornish seas in the dark hours of this morning, and when the dawn broke cold and grey the county was horrified to hear that the St. Ives lifeboat had been wrecked, with seven of her crew of eight drowned.

St. Ives is a place of mourning as I write. Everywhere people are grouped together talking in hushed voices of this disaster that has plunged the whole town in sorrow.



Plaque outside the current lifeboat station in St. Ives, Cornwall, England

St. Ives Harbor

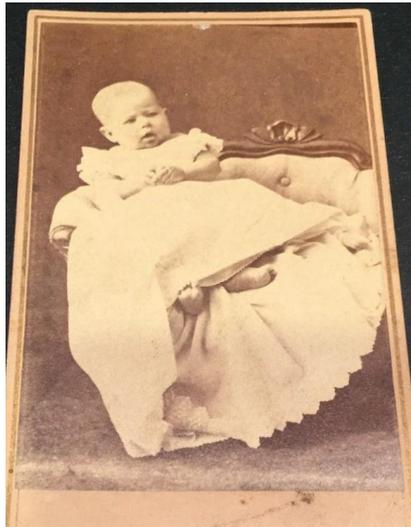
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Section 4 – Featured Bassett: Lillie Bassett 1860's photograph, Washington D.C.

Lillie Bassett descends from #3B Thomas Bassett of Connecticut as follows:

Thomas Bassett (b. 1598) and wife Joanna Beardsley
Thomas Bassett (b. 1650) and wife Sarah Baldwin
Josiah Bassett (b. 1690) and wife Alice Canfield
Samuel Bassett (b. 1723) and wife Susannah Morris
Isaac Bassett (b. 1760) and wife Desire Hotchkiss
Simeon Bassett (b. 1794) and wife Effie Euphemia Tweedy
Captain Isaac Bassett (b. 1819) and wife Adeline Virginia Hurdle
George Thomas Bassett (b. 1839) and wife Ellen Anjanett Treadway
Lillie Bassett (b. 1864)

Lillie Bassett died 4 Dec 1931 unmarried.



Lillie Bassett photo, circa 1860's, for sale on ebay

Evening Star, Washington D.C., Tuesday, March 10, 1908

George T. Bassett Dead

Arrangements for Funeral Next Thursday Afternoon

George T. Bassett, a clerk in the pension office, died last night at home, 627 Maryland avenue northeast. Although Mr. Bassett, who was the son of the late Capt. Isaac Bassett, for many years doorkeeper of the United States Senate, had been ill of late, death was unexpected.

The deceased was born in this city and resided here all his life. His wife, formerly Miss Ellen Treadway of Pontiac, Mich., and two daughters, Mrs. William D. Runner of Mount Union, Pa., and Miss Lillian Bassett of this city, survive him.

Mr. Bassett was a Mason, being affiliated with Hiram Lodge, No. 10, F.A.A.M.; Columbia Commandery, No.2, K.T. and the Mystic Shrine. He was also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants. During the civil war Mr. Bassett with a number of other young men of this city formed Company A, District Volunteers, and Col. Tower's

battalion, and during the ensuing years of the war was an officer in the commissary department.

The funeral will be under Masonic auspices next Thursday afternoon. Rev. Dr. Albert Evans, pastor of the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, 4th and B streets southeast, and Hiram Lodge will be in charge. Interment will be in Rock Creek cemetery.

Section 5 – Featured Bassett: Lloyd Warfield Bassett of Bassett Mercantile, Alamosa, Colorado

Lloyd Warfield Bassett descends from #8B John Bassett of New Jersey as follows:

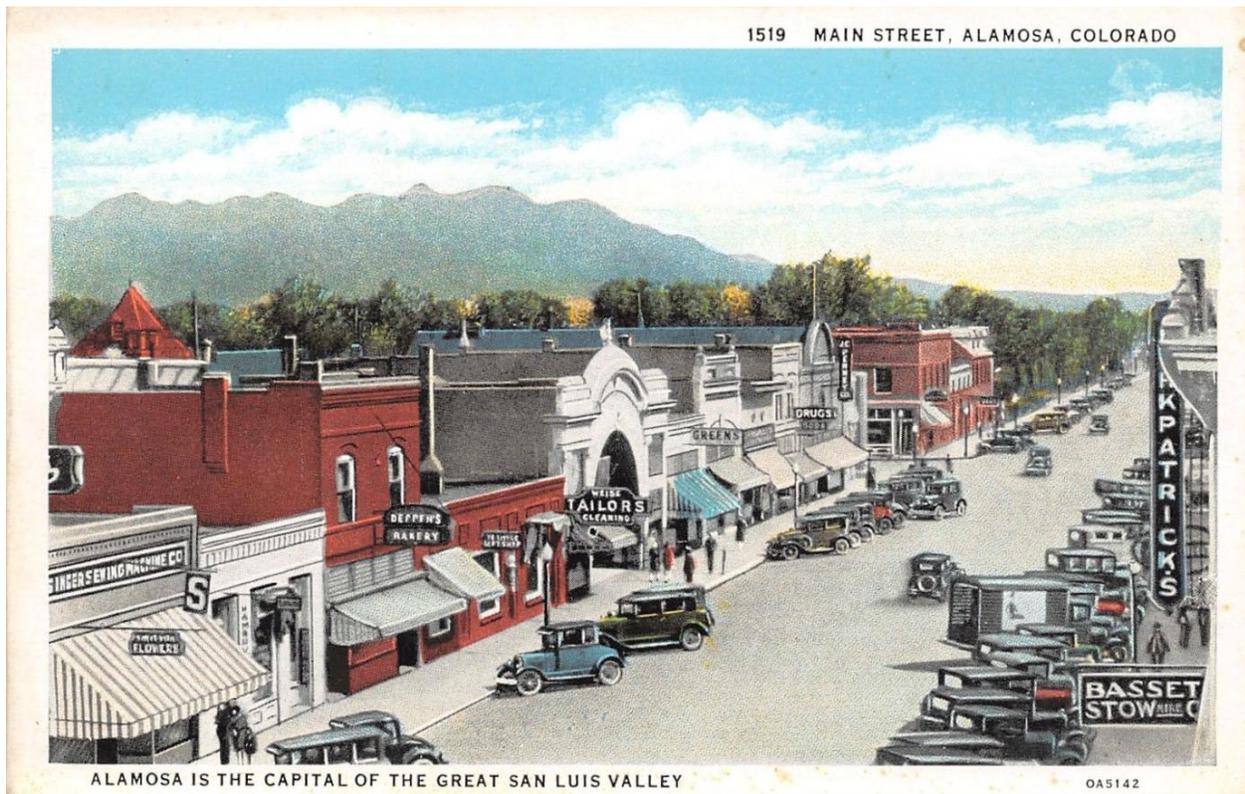
John Bassett

Amos Bassett (b. 1760) and wife Susan Stout

Jeremiah Vardeman Bassett (b. 1796) and wife Tryphenia Wellesley Birch

Benjamin Franklin Bassett (b. 1830) and wife Mary Jane Warfield

Lloyd Warfield Bassett



Alamosa Colorado Post Card. Bassett Stow and Co. Sign in lower right hand corner.

Denver Post, Colorado, Sunday, May 22, 1927

Retired Business Man And Attorney Ends Life With Gun

Alamosa, Colo., May 21. - Lloyd W. Bassett, 60 years old, retired Alamosa businessman and former prominent attorney of Colorado Springs, committed suicide in the bathroom of his home here Saturday by shooting himself thru the heart with a forty-four caliber revolver. The bullet passed thru his body, penetrated two walls and lodged in a bed mattress in an

adjoining room. Bassett recently returned from the east, where he underwent a medical examination. His ailment it is said, was diagnosed as a cancerous growth. he had been despondent ever since he was informed of the condition of his health.

Bassett is survived by his widow and a son, Hubbard, and a brother, with whom he was engaged in business under the name of the Bassett Stow Mercantile company.

After graduating at law, Bassett practiced at St. Joseph, Mo., and then moved to Colorado Springs, where he engaged in the legal profession for twenty-five years. He abandoned his law practice in 1914 and came to Alamosa. No funeral arrangements have yet been made.

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Section 6 – Featured Bassett: New book by Tony Bassett

Tony Bassett descends from #184B William Bassett as follows:

William Bassett (b. 1480)
John Bassett (b. 1509) and wife Joanne
Henry Bassett (b. 1542) and wife Joan Vane
Henry Bassett (b. 1572) and wife Joanne Johnson
Henry Bassett (b. 1593) and wife Barbara Baker
William Bassett (b. 1620) and wife Mary
Edward Bassett (b. 1659) and wife Elizabeth Younge
Thomas Bassett (b. 1687) and wife Mary Ashbye
Thomas Bassett (b. 1703) and wife Elizabeth Johnson
Thomas Bassett (b. 1726) and wife Jane Snell
Maria Bassett (b. 1821)
Edward Bassett (b. 1839) and wife Rebecca Bowler
Alfred Cuthbert Bassett (b. 1874) and wife Ethel Ada Hostler
Jack George Bassett (b. 1907)
Tony Bassett

TONY'S FIRST BOOK

Tony Bassett, a journalist who worked on national newspapers in London, England for more than thirty-seven years, has just had his first novel published.

Tony was on the Saturday staff of the Sunday People newspaper between 1980 and 2002 and has worked as a freelance for various other national newspapers in the UK. He also worked for a while as a stringer for the National Enquirer in the US.

He began writing books three years ago after more than forty years in journalism.

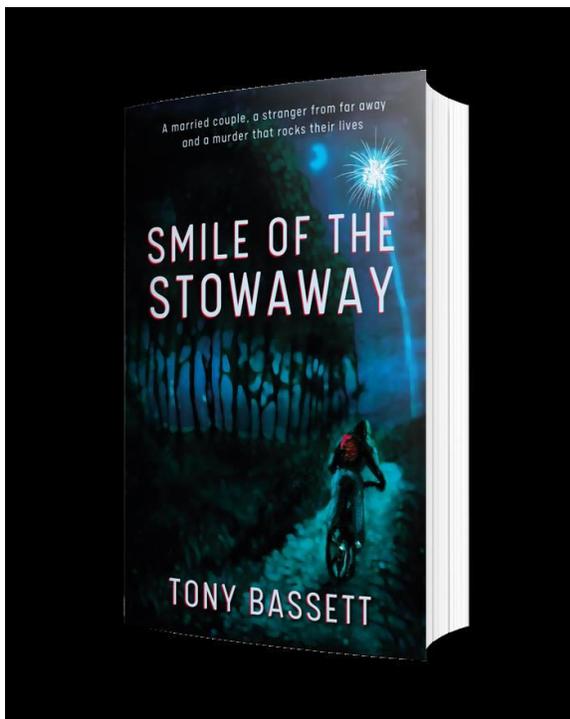
Smile Of The Stowaway concerns an English couple, Bob and Anne, who discover a stowaway beneath their motor home on returning from a holiday in France.

Instead of handing him over to the authorities, they provide the friendly stranger with shelter and find him a job on a farm. Then their new friend is arrested by police and accused of murder. Could this man from 6,000 miles away be guilty of the horrific murder in an idyllic Kentish hamlet? Or is the real killer still at large? Anne turns detective, battling against circumstantial evidence and police bungling in an effort to uncover the truth.

The book was being published on December 1st by the Conrad Press in Canterbury. It is also available to buy on Amazon. Tony's literary agent, James Essinger, will be offering the book to US publishers next year.

The idea for the novel came to Tony after he wrote a report for the British national dailies in September 2014 about a father and daughter who found a stowaway beneath their vehicle when they returned to Kent. In the real-life incident, the man was handed to the police.

Tony, a divorced father of five, said: 'I thought the dramatic discovery of a stranger beneath your vehicle when you arrive home would prove an interesting starting point for a book, and it developed from there. It took me about three months to write and almost immediately afterwards I was fortunate enough to find a literary agent in Kent to represent me.' Since producing the Stowaway book, Tony, who lives in North Kent, has written three other novels which he hopes will be published soon.



If interested, you can either obtain it through Amazon or through the publisher, The Conway Press in Canterbury, Kent, England (www.theconradpress.com).

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Section 7 – Featured Bassett: William Amos Bassett and Son Lucius of North Carolina

William Amos Bassett is descends from #10 Richard Bassett of Virginia follows:

Richard Bassett (b. 1790) and wife Caroline Spencer
William Amos Bassett (b. 1826) and wife Chloe Miller
Lucius Virginius Bassett (b. 1861)

NOTICE
Is hereby Given,
THAT the Copartnership heretofore ex-
isting under the name and style of
Bassett & Richardson,
Is this day dissolved by mutual consent.
And further notice is also given, that all
the effects of the firm have been assigned to
W. A. Bassett, one of the undersigned, and
that he alone is authorised to collect the
debts due the said firm.
May 18th, 1857. W. A. Bassett.
B. A. Richardson.

Enquirer Southerner, Tarboro, North Carolina, Saturday, November 21, 1857

HISTORY OF NORTH CAROLINA, VOLUME IV
 NORTH CAROLINA BIOGRAPHY, 1919

Hon. Lucius Virginius Bassett. For one of the leaders of the North Carolina state democracy one may need look no further than Hon. Lucius Virginius Bassett, than whom no more strong, forceful or capable figure has arisen in Edgecombe County in the past several decades. A lawyer by profession, he has attained a commanding position at the bar, where he has been the victor in many hard-fought legal battles, but his greatest service to the public has been rendered as the incumbent of a number of positions of official importance, where he labored faithfully and unceasingly in the interests of the people's welfare.

Senator Bassett was born at Tarboro, North Carolina, March 2, 1861, and is a son of the late William Amos and Chloe (Miller) Bassett. His father was a painting contractor at Tarboro, and at that place the youth attended the public schools and the Tarboro Male Academy, following which, in December, 1877, he came to Rocky Mount and became a student in the George M. Lindsey School. Following the completion of this education from that excellent institution, he began working with his father, and in 1883 went to Bethel, North Carolina, where he followed painting contracting, and while there served as mayor for one term. In April, 1887, he was called back to Rocky Mount by the death of his brother, and shortly afterward accepted a contract with the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, painting along its line until January, 1896. During this time Mr. Bassett had become interested in the law, and in February, 1896, entered the University of North Carolina, one year later being admitted to the bar. Since that time he has been engaged in a constantly growing practice, which has increased in importance in proportion to its increase in size and emoluments. His work is largely of a corporation and advisory character, and, possessing in all respects the ideal legal mind, and reinforcing this with tireless energy and his natural high sense of honor

and pride in the profound principles and great traditions of his profession, he has won a commanding position among the most eminent members of the bar of Eastern North Carolina. At present Mr. Bassett is attorney for the Bank of Rocky Mount and a director of that institution, which is the oldest and most noted financial organization of the city; attorney for the Rocky Mount Mills, the largest manufacturing institution of the city; attorney for the Rocky Mount Homestead and Loan Association, the oldest concern of its class of the city and attorney for numerous other enterprises, in addition to controlling a large practice of a purely private nature. In May, 1895, he was made one of the commissioners of Rocky Mount, but resigned this office. He was attorney for the board of county commissioners of Edgecombe for six years, surrendering this position in 1908, when he was elected to the North Carolina Senate, and was a member of the board of elections for Edgecombe from its creation in 1899 until his first election to the Senate, and chairman of this board during eight of the ten years that he was a member.

Senator Bassett has been prominently before the people of this county as an able leader of the state democracy for more than a quarter of a century. In 1892 he was elected a member of the Democratic Central Executive Committee, which had in charge the campaign of that year in Edgecombe, this being the year of a magnificent democratic victory, not alone in Edgecombe but in North Carolina and the nation, Grover Cleveland being elected President for the second time and Elias Carr governor of North Carolina. Ever since that time Senator Bassett has been growing in ability, in usefulness, and in the respect and admiration felt for him by all the people of the county and this section. During recent years his reputation has become statewide as a safe and useful legislator and a sane and effective leader in the North Carolina Senate. Elected first in 1908, he at once took rank as one of the really big men in that body, whose views were always profoundly considered and whose opinions when expressed were always potent in the deliberations of the chamber. Re-elected in 1910, his influence in the Senate of 1911 was an accentuation of his prominence in the previous Senate, and he was regarded as one of the most potential of the group of democratic leaders who shaped the important legislation of the General Assembly of 1911. He was chairman of the democratic caucus of the Senate and was also chairman of the democratic joint caucus of the Senate and the House, this position carrying with it the formal leadership of the Legislature. It is a very unusual occurrence for any one senator to receive the honor of both these chairmanships. Chairman Bassett was also chairman of the committee on the revisal and a member of the judiciary committee; of the committees on appropriations and finance, the next two ranking committees of the Senate; of the committees on counties, cities and towns, legislative appointment, constitutional amendments, insurance and of the conference committee on the part of the Senate to consider and adjust the differences between the two houses as to the provisions of the revenue and machinery acts. Senator Bassett was also chairman of the calendar committee, this being a position of the very greatest responsibility in that it is the province of this committee (and most of the work devolves upon the chairman) to sift the wheat from the chaff in the last days of the Legislature, when it is too late to refer the hundreds of bills awaiting passage to the various committees in regular order. The stamp of approval or disapproval put upon any bill by the calendar committee at this stage almost invariably means the life or death of such bill by the calendar committee at this stage almost invariably means the life or death of such bill. It is a splendid tribute to the great respect and regard in which Senator Bassett was held by his colleagues in the Senate that he was made chairman of this powerful committee; for none but the most trusted and capable leaders ever receive this honor. He left the Senate in 1912, but this by no means ended his usefulness to the public and to this

state, for he was appointed by Governor Craig as a member of the commission on revision of courts and court procedure, serving with Chief Justice Walter Clark, of Raleigh, W. J. Adams, of Carthage, judge of the Superior Court, William P. Bynum, of Greensboro, W.A. Graham, of Raleigh, commissioner of agriculture, and W.S. Wilson, of Raleigh. In 1916 he was further honored when he was offered a seat on the bench of the Superior Court by Governor Craig, but did not accept this offer. He has been a member since its organization in 1901 and is now secretary of the board of trustees of the graded schools of Rocky Mount. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons as an influential member of Corinthian Lodge No. 230, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, is a trustee of the Masonic Temple, and belongs to the Sagamore Club. In connection with his profession he belongs to the North Carolina and American Bar associations. He is president of the Rock Mount Bar Association, being its first president and member of the United States Army Commission of 1918. During his career as a lawyer he has become identified with a number of business organizations, and at this time is president of the New South Development Company. At Rocky Mount, Senator Bassett is an active force in Sunday school work, and has performed faithfully and diligently the full duties of true manhood and fine citizenship. His forceful personality is enlisted in favor of every proper cause as it is given him to see it.

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**WILLIAM A. BASSETT,
je 16-29-tf Tarboro', N. C.**

Enquirer southerner, Tarboro, North Carolina, Saturday, August 25, 1866

NOTICE BY ASSIGNEE OF HIS APPOINTMENT. (IN BANKRUPTCY.)

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
THE UNITED STATES,
For the Paullico District of } In Bankruptcy.
North-Carolina.**

In the matter of William A. Bassett, Bankrupt.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:—THE undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of WILLIAM A. BASSETT, of Tarboro', in the County of Edgecombe, and State of North-Carolina, within said District, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said District.

**W. M. PIPPEN, Assignee,
P. O. Tarboro', N. C.**

May 21, 1868.

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Tri-weekly standard, Raleigh, North Carolina, Thursday, June 4, 1868

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

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

550B. William Bassett of Bristol, England

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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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