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[Section 1 - Welcome](#)

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

203B. Steve Bassett of Texas (30 individuals)

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 157,136



If you know anything about "Bassett's Restaurant & Dairy Bar", please let me know.

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Section 2 – Featured Bassett: Obituary of William Bassett III

William 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 Williston

This is the oldest obituary I have seen for one of my ancestors.



*Sandwich, Sept. 30.* Yesterday Died here Col. *Willam Bassett*, Esq; in the 65 Year of his Age. A Gentleman truly Religious & of great Worth & Usefulness. He was Born of *this Town*, A.D. 1656. Has been several Times its *Representative* in the *General Court*, a *Justice of the Peace*, a *Clerk & Judge of the County*; and always rose by the Superior Brightness of his natural Genius, Great Industry, Exactness, Merit, and singular Application to Publick Business. He was of a very Quick and Happy Turn of Tho't, Facetious, Witty, Easy, Pleasant in his Conversation; and yet with a certain native, Masterly and Superior Air and Spirit, He ever commanded the Respect and Reverence of all about Him. He was a Lover of the Company of Religious, Learned and Ingenious Men; strict for good Order and Discipline, a Resolute maintainer of Authority, one of the greatest Honours of *this County*, such a one as we cou'd have wish'd might have always Liv'd with us, and his Loss so very Great as in all Respects we have little Hopes of seeing repaired.

There is this Remarkable of Him, that He had between 30 and 40 Descended from Him, before He Lost One; and of all His Posterity, I think there's but One that has Died before Him.

Obituary provided by Janice Pranger, a descendant of this William Bassett III of Sandwich

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Section 3 – Featured Bassett: A.L.B. Bassett Red Cross Medals

Can anyone identify the A.L.B. Bassett found on the following 1943 medals?



World War 2 Red Cross Society Nursing Proficiency Medals (1943) for sale on ebay

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#### Section 4 – Featured Bassett: Death of Irvin Gene Bassett

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

Thomas Bassett (b. 1598) and wife Joanne Beardsley  
Thomas Bassett (b. 1650) and wife Sarah Baldwin  
Josiah Bassett (b. 1690) and wife Alice Canfield  
Edward Bassett (b. 1727) and wife Sarah Sanford  
Elias Bassett (b. 1780) and wife Lucy Gillette  
Loren Elias Bassett (b. 1809) and wife Huldah Dimrus Vaughn  
Loren Elias Bassett Jr. (b. 1844) and wife Emma Durfey  
Milo Ammon Bassett (b. 1870) and wife Camilla Rasmussen  
Essie Milton Bassett (b. 1905) and wife Esther Irene Smith  
Irvin Gene Bassett (b. 1934)

Irvin was one of my oldest Bassett contacts. We started working together back in the 1990's. Some of you will remember that he helped organize and host the 1997 National Bassett Family Reunion held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Irvin Gene Bassett  
March 8, 1934 - March 19, 2019

Irvin was born on March 8, 1934 in Afton, Wyoming. He passed away on March 19, 2019 in his Springville, Utah home surrounded by his wife and family.

Irvin married the love of his life, Nel Lo Hepworth Bassett on August 25, 1960 in the Idaho Falls Temple. He loved, supported, and accompanied Nel Lo in all that she wanted to do in life. He encouraged her in her genealogical research and volunteer service.

Together, Irvin and Nel Lo had five children and one foster child: Collette Cook (Val), Gene Bassett (Janna), Robin Bassett (Miang), Ellen Riggi (Bryan), Susan Bassett (1970-2001), LaVerne Crocker (Keith 1955-2017). They have 24 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Irvin graduated from Star Valley High School. He attended the University of Wyoming, where he got his Bachelor's Degree. He got his Master's Degree in Physics from Brigham Young University, where he was employed in the physics department. His work included maintaining lab equipment, planetarium duties, and working alongside Harvey Fletcher on his acoustical research.

Irvin gained a strong testimony of the church at a young age. He served in the French Mission, where he learned the French language and spoke it frequently in his life. He had several callings in the church throughout his life, including clerk, bishop, cub scout and scout leader, and many more. He loved to travel. Whether it be by bicycle, car, motor home, truck, or motorcycle, he loved seeing the world. He also had a great love for music. Throughout his life, he enjoyed performing in dance bands, both in school and in the community, and singing in groups.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Springville Stake Center 245 South 600 East, Springville, UT. Viewings will be held on Friday, March 29, 2019 at 6-8 PM at Wheeler Mortuary 211 East 200 South, Springville, UT and Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 9:45-10:45 AM at the Springville Stake Center.

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Section 5 – Featured Bassett: Death of Edward Franklin Bassett of Montana

Edward Franklin Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth  
Nathaniel Bassett (b. 1628) and wife Dorcas Joyce  
Nathan Bassett (b. 1677) and wife Mary Crowell  
Deacon Nathan Bassett (b. 1713) and wife Elizabeth Rogers  
David Bassett (b. 1749) and wife Elizabeth Chase  
Jonathan Bassett (b. 1790) and wife Sally Tripp  
Abner Bassett (b. 1823) and wife Mary Ann Turner  
Abner Bassett (b. 1857) and wife Catherine Mahoney  
Edward Franklin Bassett (b. 1890)

Anaconda Standard, Montana, Tuesday, December 14, 1920  
Ed Bassett Dies Result Of Accident In Tunnel  
First Commander of Silver Bow Post of American Legion  
Is Caught by Escaping Steam at Mine



Edward Franklin Bassett

Funeral services for Edward Franklin Bassett, former commander of the Silver Bow post, American Legion, who died at the hospital yesterday from burns received when he was caught by escaping steam in a tunnel at the Leonard mines, will be held under the auspices of the American Legion, at a time to be announced later.

Until word is received from Abner Bassett, a brother, now in San Francisco, no definite arrangements will be made. It is probable that the funeral will be held Thursday or Friday afternoon.

The body of Commander Bassett is at the Sherman & Reed chapel. It will be moved from the chapel, 24 hours before the funeral, to legion headquarters, where it will lie in state until the final ceremonies.

The regular meeting of the legion will be held Wednesday evening at which time funeral plans will be celebrated. A special meeting of the ladies' auxiliary will be held this evening to formulate plans for the funeral.

Bassett met his death as the result of burns received when he was enveloped by escaping steam in a long communication tunnel at the Leonard mine, in which he and three other men were working. Discovering a leak in the pipe, 25 feet from the entrance to the tunnel Bassett, who was foreman of the crew, ordered his companions from the place.

John J. Thomas, one of the men ordered from the tunnel, went back to get his coat, and was returning to the portal when he realized that Bassett was still in the tunnel. Search was immediately started.

When the searching party found him at 10:30 o'clock Bassett was unable to tell what had happened. An ambulance was called and he was rushed to Murray hospital, where he died at 1:30 o'clock. Those who were with him shortly before the accident occurred believe that he attempted to escape from the long tunnel through one of the eight entrances, but was overcome by the steam before he reached the entrance.

Aided Post Organization

Bassett was 30 years of age and was one of the best-known men in Butte. With the formation of the American Legion he became one of its most active workers. He was elected first commander of Silver Bow post. At the second election held by the post he was again honored by being chosen commander. At the last election he was succeeded by John Troup.

During the war he made a fine record. Those who fought beside him during the sanguinary engagements participated in by his regiment speak highly of him as a soldier. His record after the war was an admirable one.

A leader in the activities of local ex-service men, he did much to bring the legion in to a prominent position in the affairs of the community. An indefatigable worker for the ex-service men, he will be remembered by many for the many acts of kindness he performed. He was a clean fighter and a good citizen.

As soon as the news of his death became general, expressions of regret were heard on all sides. The regular dance of the American Legion, which was to have been held last night, was declared off. A spirit of gloom pervaded legion headquarters during the night.

Although he was not born in Butte, Bassett spent the greater part of his life in this city, coming here with his father, Abner Bassett, when he was a small boy. He lived with his father, 1204 West Silver street.

Foreman of Cement Gang

He has been employed in the mines as a miner and as a foreman for the past several years, excepting the time spent in the army. At the time of his death he was foreman of the cement crew at the Leonard. When the accident occurred he was directing the work of lining the tunnel, which was close to completion.

Commander Troup of the American Legion, said that the death of Bassett

was a distinct blow to the Legion. "He was an indefatigable worker, a good comrade and a fine citizen." said the commander. "It was largely due to his efforts that the Butte post attained its remarkable growth. His interest in Legion affairs was not only local, but extended to state and national activities. He was a delegate to the national convention and was also a conspicuous figure at all state gatherings. His death will be mourned by many and will be a distinct blow to our post, where his counsel was eagerly sought."

Adjutant Emmet O'Brien, expressed a similar sentiment. "During the time I have served as adjutant of the post I have never met a finer fellow than Ed Bassett," is the way he summed up Bassett's character. "His heart and soul was given to the advancement of the cause of his former comrades. It was due to his energetic efforts that Silver Bow post experience its wonderful growth. As a soldier he was a real one, as his record will prove. The same traits that distinguished him from others in the army were evidenced in civil life. We will all miss him keenly."

Surviving besides his father is an aunt, Mrs. Alice Ellis of San Francisco, a brother, Roy Abner Bassett of the same city; another aunt, Mrs. Mary Regan of San Francisco, an uncle, Charles Bassett of Philipsburg, and a cousin, Mrs. Elmer Williams of this city.

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#### Section 6 – Featured Bassett: Bassett Market of Anthony, Kansas

Oscar S. Bassett descends from #6B William Bassett of Connecticut as follows:

William Bassett and wife Hannah Dickerman  
John Bassett (b. 1652) and wife Mercy Todd  
John Bassett (b. 1691) and wife Elizabeth Thompson  
William Bassett (b. 1718) and wife Mabel Goodyear  
William Bassett (b. 1743) and wife Dinah Blakeslee  
Christopher Bassett (b. 1780) and wife Julia Phelps  
Christopher Bassett Jr. (b. 1818) and wife Mary  
Oscar S. Bassett (b. 1840) and wife Addie Munn

History of the State of Kansas (A.T. Andreas)  
1883

O.S. Bassett was born in New Berlin, Chenango Co., N.Y., October 13, 1840, and lived in his native town until he came to Kansas in 1873. He located in Newton, February 28, 1873, and was engaged in jewelry business five years, and in land and insurance business about two years. Since the latter part of December, 1880, he has been doing a drug and insurance business. For two years prior to April, 1882, he was City Treasurer, and for the four years preceding, was City Clerk. He has also served as Alderman. He is a member of A.F. & M., Blue Lodge and Chapter, having been both treasurer and secretary of the Lodge, and is also a member of I.O.O.F., Subordinate Lodge and Encampment. He was married in New Berlin, December, 1862, to Addie Munn, also a native of that town. They have four children - Floyd L., Flora M. and Lewis C., all born in New Berlin, and George R., born in Newton, Kan.



Bassett Market located in Anthony, Kansas

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Section 7 – Featured Bassett: Death of George Morgan Bassett of Wyoming County, New York

George Morgan 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  
James Bassett (b. 1765) and wife Elizabeth Caswell  
Elijah Bassett (b. 1791) and wife Eliza Sherman  
Charles Sherman Bassett (b. 1842) and wife Loretta Janette Agard  
George Morgan Bassett (b. 1872) and wife Harriet Grace Parker

The Castilian, Castile, Wyoming County, N.Y., Thursday, September 24, 1959  
Rites Held For George M. Bassett

KENMORE - George Morgan Bassett, 87, of 141 Palmer Avenue, Kenmore, more recently at the Erie County Infirmiry, Alden, N.Y., went to the be "with Christ, which is far better", on September 9, 1959.

He is survived by one son, Lowell P., Palmer Avenue, who is employed by the State Board of Equalization and Assessment, and one daughter, Virginia L., 1101 East 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn 10, N.Y., who devotes her life to missionary work. Also surviving are two brothers, William A. Bassett of Perry, and Eugene F. Bassett of Jamestown, plus numerous nephews and nieces.

Mr. Bassett's friends will remember him as a redhead who loved the Lord and who had strong moral and political views. His humor was ever delightful



and his best stories were about the old days. During his life he was a printer, telephone installer, editor of Akron News, fruit farm hand, salesman, and writer for a company specializing in placement of executive personnel.

His wife, Mrs. Harriet P. Bassett died in 1930.

Mr. Bassett's special interests included people, Bible study and Bible teaching, history, astronomy, geology, genealogy, writing of music, poetry, and fiction, and chorus and choir singing.

His church preference was either Methodist or Presbyterian, with choice varying according to the minister's preaching of the fundamental gospel.

His eyes were given to the Buffalo Eye Bank.

He was particularly fond of his home town, Castile, N.Y., and Letchworth Park nearby. For many years he attended the "May Breakfasts" at Castile.

Eventually his ashes will be placed to rest in Grace Cemetery, Castile.



#### [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.

[203B. Steve Bassett of Texas](#)

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

Results for kit 902002, a 12-marker kit for a descendant of William Bassett of Plymouth, came back a match to all of his other descendants.

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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