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[Section 1 - Welcome](#)

No new trees were added within the last month.

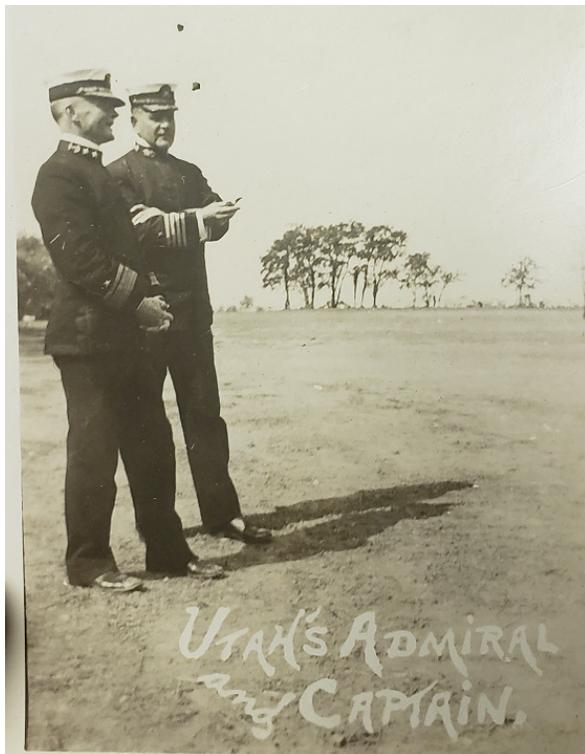
Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 163,070



Section 2 – Featured Bassett: Admiral Frederic Brewster Bassett Photographs

Frederic Brewster Bassett descends from #1B John Bassett of Connecticut as follows:

John Bassett and Margery
Robert Bassett and wife Mary
Robert Bassett (b. 1640) and wife Elizabeth Riggs
Samuel Bassett (b. 1692) and wife Deborah Bennett
Samuel Bassett (b. 1719) and wife Sarah Botsford
Abraham Bassett (b. 1753) and wife Mary Baldwin
Jared Bassett (b. 1791) and wife Sallie B. Johnson
Julius Bassett (b. 1818) and wife Augusta Ann Lake
Frederic Burton Bassett (b. 1842) and wife Fannie. A. Thomas
Frederic Brewster Bassett



Pictures provided by Lisa Freeman from her personal collection.

To read an earlier newsletter article about Frederic, click on the link below.

<http://www.bassettbranches.org/newsletters/2011/01/201101.shtml>

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Section 3 – Featured Bassett: Death of Ann Bassett of Bassett's Ice Cream of Philadelphia

Ann Bassett descends from #4B William Bassett of Lynn, Massachusetts as follows:

Robert Bassett and wife Ann Holland
William Bassett (b. 1623) and wife Sarah Burt
Elisha Bassett (b. 1649) and wife Elizabeth Collins
Daniel Bassett (b. 1694) and wife Mary Lawrence
Elijah Bassett (b. 1735) and wife Rhoda
Zebedee Bassett (b. 1778)
Zacheus Bassett (b. 1803) and wife Married Elizabeth Dickinson
Lewis Dubois Bassett (b. 1820) and wife Caroline Titus
Lewis Lafayette Bassett (b. 1873) and wife Louis Austie Snyder
Lewis Lafayette Bassett Jr. (b. 1904) and wife Mary Hipson Ferguson
Ann Bassett (b.1933)

KirkandNiceInc.com



Ann Bassett

March 20, 1933 - July 17, 2019

Ann, 86, of Blue Bell passed away on July 17, 2019. She was born on Mar. 20, 1933 to the late Lewis and Mary (Ferguson) Bassett. She was the wife of the late Captain Robert C. Strange and later spent over 20 years with her loving companion, the late Fredric March. She was an accomplished business leader and visionary and as the 4th generation matriarch of the Bassetts Ice Cream family, significantly grew the business from 1973-1994. She was predeceased by her brothers Lewis and Todd Bassett.

She is survived by her sons Michael (Eileen) and Andrew (Mary) Strange; grandchildren Alexander, Stuart, and Louisa; brother David Bassett (Geraldine); and her cat Lucy.

All are invited to the Chapel of Peace at West Laurel Hill Cemetery, 225 Belmont Avenue, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 on Fri. July 26 for a visitation from 10-10:30am and a service at 10:30am. Interment to follow.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Philabundance at philabundance.org.

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[Section 4 – Featured Bassett: A novel that includes John Basset of Umberleigh](#)

58B232.111.131.111.1. Sir John Basset, son of Sir John Basset

Sir John Basset, son of Sir John and Joan (Beaumont) Basset, was born in 1463. He was Esquire of Tehidy, Umberleigh, and Devon. He married (1) Elizabeth Denys, daughter of John Denys. He married (2) Honora Granville, daughter of Sir Thomas Granville, in 1515. They had 6 daughters and 3 sons. Sir John died in 1528. His widow Honora, married (2) Arthur Plantagenet Viscount L'Isle.

NOVEL '*Honora and Arthur – The Last Plantagenets*'

This is the story of the life of Honora Grenville, a real person who lived from 1491-1566. She was born in Cornwall England, the second youngest daughter of Sir Thomas Grenville of Stowe. The story is told in the first person and relates Honora's life from her earliest memories until shortly before her death.

After a happy childhood spent with her large family at Stowe Honora falls desperately in love at the age of eighteen. The object of her affections is Arthur Plantagenet, an illegitimate son of Edward IV. The affair ends abruptly when Arthur is ordered by King Henry VIII to marry a wealthy widow, Elizabeth Dudley Grey, Baroness Lisle.

Honora subsequently marries John Basset of Umberleigh in Devon, a family friend and a widower twenty-eight years her senior. She moves to Umberleigh with her new husband and they have seven children in the thirteen years until his death.

Arthur Plantagenet, also recently widowed, re-enters her life and they marry, after which they move to Soberton in Hampshire with the ten children they now have between them. They spend a blissful five years at Soberton before fate once again steps in with an order from Henry VIII for Arthur to take up the position of Governor of Calais. They have no choice but to reluctantly break up the household at Soberton and move to Calais.

Once there it soon becomes apparent that they are in a difficult and unhappy situation. Not only is Calais itself a hot-bed of trouble and dissent but Arthur is not cut out for a high-profile diplomatic position of such delicacy. They are surrounded by enemies, sink rapidly into debt and are caught up in the political and religious turmoils of the day. It comes as no surprise when, after seven tumultuous years, Arthur is accused of treason and imprisoned in the Tower of London. Honora and two of her daughters are placed under house arrest in Calais.

After two years Arthur is granted his freedom but just as Honora and her daughters are to board the ship which will take them back to England, they receive the news that he has died in the tower.

They return to Umberleigh accompanied by Honora's eldest surviving son and most of the remainder of her life is spent quietly in the West Country. The last chapters of the novel deal with her final years during which she has to deal with tragedies, both past and present, and with the lives of her children, three of whom continue to be involved with Court life in London.

The novel is divided into five sections: Stowe, Umberleigh, Soberton, Calais and Return to Umberleigh. Each section is divided into chapters of varying lengths. There is a short Epilogue written by Honora's half-brother John Grenville, Rector of Kilkhampton. The novel consists of just under 117,000 words. All of the main characters are real people and I have tried to keep their characters and actions as true and possible to that which we know of them historically. There are very few fictional characters in the novel and their roles are only very minor. There are three family charts for the reader to refer to.

As the life of my heroine is so bound up with the tumultuous history of the reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI and Mary, the novel deals in detail with that history, combined with the drama and romance of Honora's personal life.

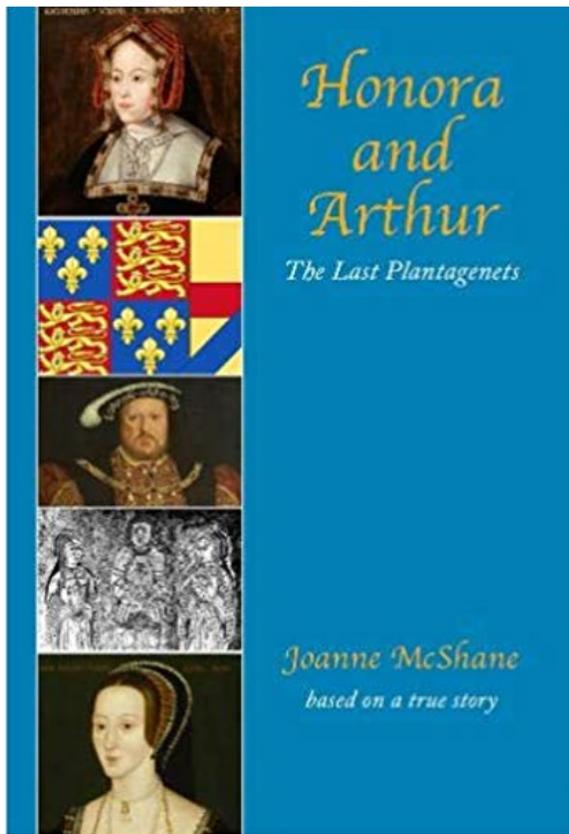
I think this novel would be widely read by lovers of history and historical romance as it is both a historically factual description of the times and a dramatic and sympathetic portrayal of Honora and of her undying love for Arthur Plantagenet. I am their descendant.

To see information about this novel and to order a copy, you can click on the link below.

https://www.amazon.com/Honora-Arthur-Plantagenets-Tudor-times/dp/1912419831?_encoding=UTF8&version=1&entries=0

Honora and Arthur - the Last Plantagenets: Love and loss in Tudor times

by Joanne McShane (Author)



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[Section 5 – Featured Bassett: Tom Bassett, Bicycle Pioneer of Australia](#)

Tom Bassett descends from #299B Samuel Bassett of Gloucester, England as follows:

Samuel Bassett and wife Sarah
Thomas Bassett (b. 1789) and wife Swindinia
Absalom Bassett (b. 1828) and wife Tryphena (White) Lowke
Thomas Absalom Bassett (b. 1857)

Tom is the brother of Henry Bassett featured in the July 2019 newsletter.



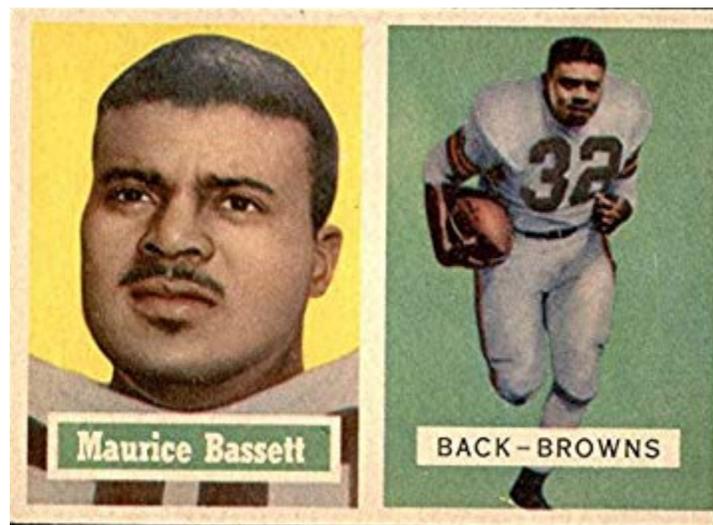
Weekly Times, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, Saturday, 12 September 1896
Mr. Tom Bassett

In an unpretentious building on the City road, a couple of minutes' walk south of Queen's Bridge, Mr. Tom Bassett, one of the pioneer bicycle makers and repairers of the colony, has his workshop. From the complete construction of an up to date ladies or gentleman's bicycle or tricycle, through all grades of manufacturer and repairing down to the replacing of the tiniest nut or screw, whatever the full-blown cyclist or aspiring rider may require, he needs but to call in at Bassett's. It is a manufacturing and repairing factory, pure and simple. No particular brand of machine finds an agency there, and consequently the proprietor is free to advise prospective buyers as to the mounts, and if "Tom Bassett" can be persuaded to offer an opinion as to the merits of a bicycle, those who have known him as an expert since the days of the now almost obsolete "ordinary", will recognize the value of his words. His is strictly a cash trade, and the system has its special advantages, in that the very finest workmanship either in the repairing or building of a machine is procurable at a very reasonable tariff. Many of Bassett's own make of bicycles are today running under well-known

riders. A fair proportion of them carry no name, their owners preferring to introduce them to their friends as a specially imported line, a claim which their admirable finish and excellent appearance thoroughly warrants. Any day in the week the premises may be seen loaded up, so to speak, with bicycles in a more or less bad state of health, convalescing or having been in the hands of the cycle surgeon, completely restored to their former strength and perfect appearance. From all parts of the city and suburbs Tom Bassett draws his business, and every day his country connection is increasing, so well known is the excellence of his handi-work, and many up-country riders now recognize the advisability, when they meet with an accident or require worn parts replaced, of not relying on the local blacksmith, but to forward the machine or required portion of it by rail to Bassett's factory, whence it is returned by the same medium safe and sound.

Section 6 – Featured Bassett: Maurice LaFrancis Bassett, Cleveland Browns Fullback

Maurice LaFrancis Bassett was born in 1933 in Oklahoma, son of Thelma (Williams) Bassett. I have not yet found the name of his father.



Cleveland Plain Dealer, May 28, 1991
Maurice L. Bassett, ex-football player

Maurice L. Bassett caught the attention of scouts for the Cleveland Browns while playing football at Langston University in Langston, Okla, during the early 1950s.

As a rookie in the National Football League, the battering fullback led the Browns in rushing during the 1954 championship season with 558 yards in 12 games. But the third-round draft pick would never regain that glory, and by 1957 he was replaced by another highly touted college back the Browns were grooming, eventual Hall of Famer Jim Brown.

Mr. Bassett, 58, died Friday in Dayton. He had been in poor health in recent years and had both legs amputated 2 ½ years ago because of poor circulation. He had been confined to the VA Hospital in Dayton in recent months.

Prior to joining the Browns, Mr. Bassett served in the Navy.

Although his playing career was brief, Mr. Bassett took pride in the two world championships the Browns won in 1954 and 1955. He said in a 1937 interview that although his career came between two of the greatest fullbacks

in Browns history - Marion Motley and Jim Brown - he won more championships than either of them.

"I played on two world championship teams and they only played on one world championship team each," he said.

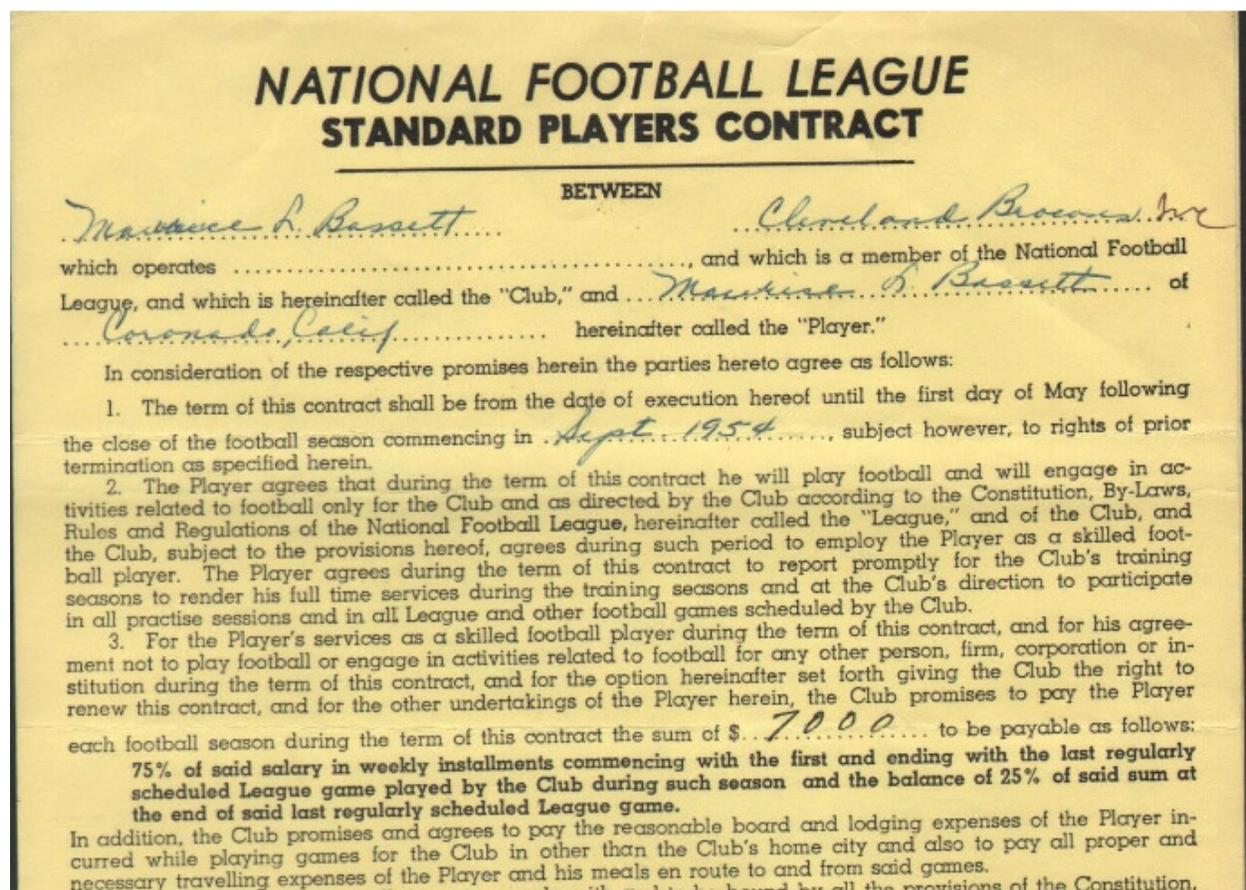
The impact of that rookie year was not forgotten. Every year the media award the Maurice Bassett Award to the most promising first-year player in training camp.

Mr. Bassett went on to play in the Canadian Football League and ended his pro career in 1960 with the Buffalo Bills.

After his playing days were over, Mr. Bassett was an assistant football coach at John Hay High School and football coach at Shaw High School in 1973.

Surviving are his sons, Maurice L. Jr. and Kevin, and a daughter, Stacey Bassett, all of Houston; a brother and two sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Greater Highland African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1620 W. Fifth St., Dayton.



NFL Contract for Maurice L. Bassett for sale on ebay. Note salary of \$7000.

[Section 7 – Featured Bassett: Randolph Stockdale Bassett, California Merchant](#)

Randolph Stockdale Bassett descends from #56B Jonathan Bassett of New York as follows:

Jonathan Bassett and wife Amy Finch
John Bassett (b. 1779) and wife Anna Parker

John Parker Bassett (b. 1819) and wife Elizabeth Ann Rees
Randolph Stockdale Bassett

Morning Union, Volume 30, 27 January 27, 1882

Brand & Bassett, of Nevada City, have been awarded the contract for furnishing the county stationery for the next two years.

Morning Press, 16 March 1882

The Press office had a pleasant call yesterday from Mr. R.S. Bassett, of Brand & Bassett, Nevada City, Calif., who is visiting Santa Barbara for the benefit of his health, and to take a short vacation from his business.

The American Stationer, New York, January 4, 1883

Brand & Bassett, stationers, Nevada City, Cal., have dissolved partnership.

Holiday Announcement
OF
BRAND & BASSETT
OPENING DAY,
Wednesday, Nov. 30th.

To our Friends:
We shall not undertake to tire you with a long, uninteresting circular explaining all that we have in stock, but we will simply state that we appreciate and are grateful for the very liberal patronage we have received from the citizens of Nevada and Sierra Counties. Feeling encouraged, we have purchased the largest and most complete stock ever brought to Nevada City.

Consisting in part of

Fancy Albums, Card Cases, Portmonnaies,
Vases, Toilet Sets, Dressing Cases,
Cups and Saucers, Motto Mugs, Dolls,
Velvet and Japanese Frames,
Fancy Papeteries, Jewelry, Plated Ware,
Gold Pens, Music Boxes, etc.

Having purchased many of these goods direct from manufacturers agents, at low prices, we intend to give our customers the benefit of our purchases, thereby ensuring a speedy sale. With this assurance on our part, we solicit an order by mail, or personal visit to our establishment, knowing that your highest expectations will be realized.

Yours truly,
BRAND & BASSETT.
Nevada City, Cal.

Bassett & Brand Postcard

An Illustrated History of Los Angeles County, California
Randolph S. Bassett

Randolph S. Bassett is one of the most active and energetic business men in the city of Pomona. His music store is on Second street, in the Johnson Block, where he has the largest stock of pianos, organs and other musical instruments to be found in Southern California outside of the city of Los Angeles. He is also the agent of the Domestic, White, New Home and Davis sewing machines. Is real-estate agent and dealer, personally devoting his time to this branch of his business. Besides his city trade, he is largely engaged in country business, employing a corps of energetic agents and five teams, which are constantly traveling through the county. Mr. Bassett was born in

Marshall County, Illinois, in 1856. His father, John P. Bassett, was a native of Kentucky, and a contractor and architect by profession. His mother, Elizabeth (Reece) Bassett, was born in Ohio. Mr. Bassett, after receiving a good business education, commenced his career as a clerk. Being of an ambitious temperament and desirous of improving his condition, at the age of eighteen years he came to California and located at Santa Barbara. After clerking in a book and stationary store at that place for some months, he entered into business as a dealer in lime, cement and building material. He conducted that business until 1877, and then located in San Francisco, where he engaged in the furniture business, under the firm name of Bassett & McPhail, on Ellis street. In 1879 he sold out, and after some months, during which he was employed in the large furniture establishment of J.E. Davis at Sacramento, he took up his residence in Nevada City and there opened a book, stationery and music store under the firm name of Brand & Bassett. This business he conducted with success until failing health in 1882 compelled his seeking a more desirable climate, and after a trip to the Sandwich Islands he came to Los Angeles County and located at Pomona, where he entered into business, first as a dealer in books and stationery and then in musical instruments, and finally, in 1885, adding that of real-estate agent to his other enterprises. Mr. Bassett is a strong believer in the future of his beautiful valley, and is greatly interested in the development of its wonderful resources. Much credit is due him for the time and means he has devoted in showing to the world the products of this section of Los Angeles County. He accompanied the first displays sent by his county to St. Louis, Missouri, in September, 1887; Columbus, Ohio, September, 1888, and other points East; and in February, 1888, had charge of Pomona's fine display of citrus and other fruits at Riverside. He is the owner of several orchards near the city, which he is devoting to oranges, French prunes, peaches, apricots, apples, etc. In political action he has long been identified with the Republican party. Locally, he has been elected a member of the city council on the anti-saloon ticket. He is a member of Etna Lodge, N. 107, Knights of Pythias, of Pomona. He is one of the progressive men of his wide-awake city, and is sure to be found as an active worker in any enterprise that in his opinion will advance the interests of the community in which he resides. In 1884 Mr. Bassett was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Camfield, the daughter of Joshua Camfield, a native of England, but now a resident of Los Angeles. Mrs. Bassett was born in Indiana, but came to California in 1878.

Section 8 - New family lines combined or added since the last newsletter

The following family lines have been combined/eliminated since the last newsletter.

160B. John L. Bassett of Wales into the #117B. Charles Bassett of Cowbridge, Wales line.

Section 9 - DNA project update.

One new Bassett result was posted this month, however, he did not match any other Bassetts in the 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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