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[Section 1 - Welcome](#)

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

281B. Simeon Bassett of France and New York (21 individuals)

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 181,091



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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Possible Bassett Family Reunion in Massachusetts in Nov 2021

Jim Greer is organizing a Bassett family reunion to celebrate the arrival of William Bassett of the Fortune in 1621. There is also another family whose ancestor arrived on the Fortune in 1621 that may join us. That is the Bumpas Family of America. What is interesting to note about these two families is that the Y-DNA of the Bumpas family is the only close match we have with any family outside of descendants of William Bassett. Here is the announcement:

Bassett Family Members – As a way to celebrate the arrival of our ancestors on the Fortune to America on November 11, 1621, our family has decided to organize a 400th Anniversary. We are planning to hold it at Plymouth this Fall on November 11 to commemorate this very special date in our family history. We think it would be wonderful to share our reunion with other descendants of our ancestor William Bassett. If you are interested in this idea and would like to participate please contact Jim Greer at JIMGREER@LIVE.COM or call 208-841-3700. We don't have logistical details worked out yet, but will share those in the near future.

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Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Placement of Joseph and John S. Bassett of Maine

Joseph and John S. Bassett descend from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
Joseph Bassett (b. 1635) and wife Martha Hobart
Jeremiah Bassett (b. 1678) and wife Mary Felch
John Bassett (b. 1725) and wife Sarah Shepherd
Thomas Bassett (b. 1764) and wife Susan McGregore
David Bassett and wife Lydia
Joseph Bassett and John S. Bassett

For many years, I have had Joseph and John S. Bassett listed with unknown origin. With the recent completion of a Y-DNA test for this family line (See Section 9 below), we know that Joseph and John S. Bassett are descendants of William Bassett.

Through a facebook history page, Trevor Bassett uncovered the 1811 census of Lubec listing the oldest brother in the 1811 census. We have now linked this family up as seen above.

+ 146B1. Joseph Bassett - born about 1811 in New Brunswick, married (1) Mary Wilson (2) Sarah Jane Ludlow before 1861.

+ 146B2. John S. Bassett - born 1813 in Charlotte, New Brunswick, married Angeline.

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| Inh: | David Bassett and his wife Lydia | 09 | 1808 No 2 |
| Mar | Richard Smith - from before marriage | 5 | 1810 Eastport |
| Jul | Joseph Bassett | | |

1811 Census of Lubec, Maine
 David Bassett and his wife Lydia
 Richard Smith – from before marriage, born 9 Mar 1808
 Joseph Bassett born 5 Jul 1810 in Eastport, Maine

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Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Death of Thomas Samuel Bassett of Birmingham, England

Thomas Samuel Bassett descends from William Bassett of Blore as follows:

Sir William Bassett of Blore
 Thomas Bassett
 Edward Bassett (b. 1500) and wife Elizabeth Chatwynd
 Thomas Bassett of Hints (b. 1525) and wife Margaret
 Edward Bassett (b. 1545) and wife Jane Lynne
 Walter Bassett (b. 1567) and wife Sconsolate Greville
 Thomas Bassett (b. 1599) and wife Jane Holden
 Thomas Bassett (b. 1633) and wife Katherine
 Bartholomew Bassett (b. 1677) and wife Mary
 Thomas Bassett (b. 1705) and wife Elizabeth Brooks
 Samuel Bassett (b. 1758) and wife Sarah Hands
 Thomas Bassett (b. 1781) and wife Elizabeth Heathcock
 Samuel Bassett (b. 1817) and wife Harriett Robinson
 Thomas Samuel Bassett (b. 1843)

Birmingham Daily Mail, 2 Jul 1875
 Shocking And Fatal Accident In
 Birmingham This Morning
 A Merchant Killed And Others Injured

A very shocking and painful accident occurred at the corner of Clement Street this morning, by which Mr. Thomas Samuel Bassett, of the firm of Bagnall, Bassett, and Company, metal merchants of Gem Street, lost his life. Mr. Bagnall has also been very seriously injured and the coachman, Richard Latham, lies in a dangerous state at the Queen's Hospital. A little before nine o'clock Mr. Bagnall and Mr. Bassett were driving in an open carriage in the direction of Gem Street, and when near the Railway bridge in the vicinity of Clement Street, a shrill whistle from one of the railway engines caused the horse to become restive, and in an instant he dashed on at a furious pace, the driver losing control over him. On reaching the corner of Clement street, the affrighted animal rushed up against the manufactory of Mr. Phillips, throwing Mr. Bassett headlong against the brickwork of the building, smashing his skull and causing other serious injuries. Mr. Bagnall attempted to save himself by jumping from the vehicle an instant before it came into collision with the manufactory, but he also was hurled against the building, as was also the coachman. An immense crowd at once collected, and the three men were picked up. It is said that no man amongst all those

present could be found to volunteer to take Mr. Bassett to the hospital, who, although terribly bruised and bleeding freely from his wounds, was still alive. A woman named Mrs. Gold, who lives close by, after a little delay, called a cab, into which Mr. Bassett was lifted, the woman following. She laid the injured man's head upon her apron, and bound it up as best she could on her way to the Queen's Hospital, but when the cab had gone a little way in the direction of the institution, Mr. Bassett gave a deep moan and expired. The coachman, who is insensible from the injuries he has received, was also taken to the institution, and it is doubtful whether he will survive. Mr. Bagnall, who is severely injured about the head and other parts of the body, was removed to the house of a friend, and it said that his case is also dangerous. The terrible news was indiscreetly communicated to Mrs. Bassett, when the unhappy lady, who is within a few days of her confinement, swooned away, and medical aid had to be at once sent for.

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Section 5 - Featured Bassett: 7 Surviving grandchildren of Marshall Bassett of Indiana

Marshall 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. 1681) and wife Abigail Bourne
William Bassett (b. 1711) and wife Lydia Smith
Rufus Bassett (b. 1757) and wife Jedidah Handy
Nymphas Bassett (b. 1785) and wife Thankful Ann Bruce
Oliver C. Bassett (b. 1824) and wife Elizabeth Monroney
Marshall Bassett (b. 1858) and wife Sonorah J. Israel



The children from left to right are Helen, Mary Ellen, Martin, William, Harold, Weston and Ralph Bassett

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Section 6 - Featured Bassett: 83rd Birthday Notice of Jerome Francis Bassett of WI & CA

Jerome Francis Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
William Bassett (b. 1624) and wife Mary Raynesford
Nathan Bassett (b. 1677) and wife Mary Huckens
William Bassett (b. 1702) and wife Anna Mayhew
Nathan Bassett (b. 1751) and wife Martha Bassett
Barachiah Bassett (b. 1781) and wife Nancy Butler
Francis Bassett (b. 1821) and wife Mary Catherine Boyer

Santa Cruz Sentinel, California, 9 December 1934
Jerome E. Bassett of Soquel Observes 83d Birthday Anniversary
By Laura Rawson

Jerome E. Bassett of Porter avenue, Soquel, celebrated his 83d birthday anniversary yesterday and received the hearty good wishes of his relatives and hosts of friends upon the happy occasion. He has many interesting things to relate of this locality, where he has lived for the past 57 years, and has materially assisted in building up the community.

He was born in Taytheedah, Fondulac county, Wisconsin, December 8, 1851. His parents moved in 1866 to Minnesota, where his father bought a 300-acre farm. There were five children in the family and they early in life learned many tasks connected with farm life. Jerome went to school during the three months of the summer and four months of the winter it was in session, until he was 20 years old. These short school terms were made necessary so the children of the farmers (and all were farmers) could help about the work.

When he became of age, he rented a farm of his own. He came to California in 1877 and landed at Skyland and has lived in and around this vicinity ever since. He worked in David Burns' shingle mill near Laurel until 1879, when he went back to Minnesota and married Miss Nora E. Harvey.

The young married couple came to California and Mr. Bassett bought a piece of wild land in Skyland. The Old Spanish trail ran through his property. In 1881 he worked in Chase's mill near the location Redwood Lodge now occupies. He told the writer how Hotel de Redwood acquired its high sounding name. One old fellow lived in a hollow redwood tree and he hung a shingle on it with the title, "Hotel de Redwood." This tree was of immense size and during the earthquake of 1903 it fell. Mr. Bassett and a friend measured the tree while it was still standing and it measured 59 feet in circumference.



Jerome Francis Bassett (from ancestry.com)

Charley McKiernan, familiarly known as "Mountain Charlie", was his next employer and he ran an edging saw for him for two years. In 1885 the McEwen saw mill was built and Bassett ran edger there for two years. Comstock & Duffy mill was his place of employment at another time. These were all in the Skyland country. Bassett is a skilled carpenter and built a number of the fine homes in this district, which are still standing. He built homes for Prof. C.H. Allen of the San Jose State College, one for Colonel Thomas Slaughter, C.R. Stetson, A. C. Crane, now owned by one of the Rapp brothers. These are all well known early residents of the Skyland district.

He cleared off his wild land and set out fruit in the winter months. They splendid quality of Skyland fruits is recognized by dealers all over the state. The quaint little Skyland church, which is still used each Sunday, was built by popular subscription and Bassett assisted in building it by donating work. Rev. Mitchell was the first pastor and was well known as a widely traveled and highly cultured man.

In 1902 Bassett bought five acres of the old original Daubenbiss ranch, built a home on it and came down to Soquel to live. He still retained his Skyland property. The great problem in the Skyland district was to get a road through to meet the San Jose road, and the Stetson road was finally accomplished. C.R. Stetson, Prof. Allen and Bassett formed a company of three to put the project through. Prof. Allen was a civil engineer and a good surveyor. This road runs from King's place to Young's point. Popular subscriptions were raised for the work, which Ed Keath offered to do for \$600. F. A. Hihn, always generous where public improvements were needed, sent a check for \$50 and later increased it by another \$50. They built the Amaya bridge, but were still short a mile of the San Jose road. Henry Daubenbiss was supervisor of Soquel district at this time and the county offered to pay half if those living in the district would pay the other half of the expense. This was done and the contract was let to W.A. Young and son, W.A. Young Jr. The road was connected with the San Jose road and their big worry on that score was over. But there was still a stretch of two and one quarter miles from Laurel to the San Jose road and the only way those living at Laurel could get out was by horseback.

F.A. Hihn again came to their rescue and said if they would build a mile of road toward Laurel, he would build the connecting link himself. The resident of the district divided it into rods and each built 20 rods, using pick and shovel. Bassett built 30 rods, Clayton Jones and his father built 40

rods, Dr. Eugene West, former owner of Hotel de Redwood, built 60 rods and the two and a quarter mile stretch was finally completed by the determined Skyland residents.

Bassett followed his chosen work of carpentry was foreman for L.M. Barnes, Santa Cruz contractor and builder. In 1907 he sold his home on the Dabuenbiss tract and moved to Seabright avenue and Clinton street. He was in partnership with O.R. Robinson as contractors and builders. He sold his Seabright property and moved to his present home on Porter avenue, Soquel.

His wife was a much loved member of the community and her death 12 years ago brought sadness to many hearts. One son, Frank H. Bassett, lived in Montana, where he has a sheep ranch, and one daughter, Mrs. Ida Mitchell, and her husband, Lester Mitchell, live in the Bassett home.

The father and daughter are great chums and yesterday when I visited their home Mrs. Mitchell was engaged in baking a big cake to celebrate the happy anniversary.

His grandfather was a veteran of 1812 and one of the oldest pensioners of that war.

Bassett joined the Soquel lodge of Odd Fellows in the early nineties and has been a highly honored member for 43 years. He has held every office in the lodge except that of recording secretary. He lived in Skyland at that time and only missed two lodge nights in his 11 years of office. It took him two and a half hours to drive home and often it was bitter cold and raining, and a coat of blackness seemed to envelop the earth. But he would tie his lines and old "Selim" a dappled gray horse, would take him safely home. A few times he was overturned in his cart, where stumps would catch the cart, but no harm ever came to him. He says he still likes horses better than automobiles, although he drives the latter rather than the former now-a-days.

When the Encampment was organized in Soquel he held the office of chief patriarch. He was also first scribe in the encampment. The I.O.O. F. hall stood where the present Odd Fellows hall stands, although the former one was burned down. The Encampment later gave up its charter and went into the Santa Cruz order. He is also a charter member of the Highland Grange.

He recalls during the Civil War when he was a young lad, of riding horseback with his father to Fon Du Lac, Wisconsin, of having a rider stop them to tell them of Lincoln's assassination. His father, Francis Bassett, entered the Civil War with a company from Wisconsin. There were not many telegrams sent in those days and the news of the day was learned from various sources.

Another experience he recalls was when working in a field about a mile and a half from his home seven men on horseback with fine horses and all carrying guns, asked the direction of a certain road. He supposed the men were cattle buyers. He afterward learned it was Jesse James and his gang and they were looking for the eighth member of their party. They made their famous raid on Northfield that night. Two of their number were killed and the others captured, except the James boys.

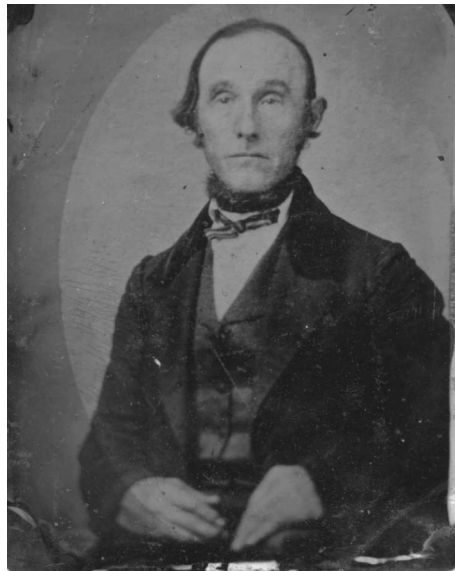
Asked about wild animals in the early days of Skyland he replied there were some mountain lions and some grizzly bears farther in the hills. Mr. Bassett has a hobby which has given him much pleasure for 45 years. He collects stamps and his wonderful collection would be the envy of small boys throughout the land. Many of this stamps are very valuable now.

It was a pleasure to have in interview with Mr. Bassett, who has a wonderful fund of information about his part of the country and knows the roads from A to Z. He is receiving honors from his lodge friends this birthday.

Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Bassett Family Reunion Held in Moberly, Missouri (1932)

Thomas Edward Bassett descends from #2B Thomas Bassett of Virginia as follows:

Thomas Bassett (b. 1617) and wife Mary
William Bassett (b. 1643)
Thomas Bassett (b. 1668) and wife Elinor
Thomas Bassett (b. 1696) and wife Lydia Howle
Nathaniel Bassett (b. 1721) and wife Mary
Burwell Bassett (b. 1767) and wife Mary Hunter
George Hairston Bassett (b. 1806) and wife Columbia Staples
Thomas Edward Bassett (b. 1842) and wife Sally Gwenby



Thomas Edward Bassett (from ancestry.com)

Moberly Monitor-Index, Missouri, Monday, 10 Oct 1932
Bassett Family Reunion Held Here

Through the courtesy of Pete Stauffer and Oak Hunter all eleven children of Ed and Sally Bassett and their families met yesterday for the first time in twenty years at the Stauffer Retreat here.

Members of the family present were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Bassett and sons, Maxell and Bob, Topeka, Kas., Mrs. W.E. Gaston and children, Martha and Joe, Marshalltown, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. George White and sons, Dan and Ben Ray, Moberly, Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Bassett, Kansas City, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bassett, Middle Grove, Mr. and Mrs. J. Elliston Bassett and children, Betty and Jimmy, Moberly, Miss Vera Bassett, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Zahl and children, Marjorie, C.E. Jr., and Sally B., Moberly; Mrs. W.E. Luton and daughter, Mary Frances, Long Beach, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. James Douglass and daughters, Vera Frances and Dorothy Sue, Marshalltown, Ia.; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bassett, Chicago, Ill.

Guests were Mr. Stauffer, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, of Moberly; Dr. and Mrs. Rush Mason, Salisbury and Miss Cora Coade, Los Angeles, Cal.

The Bassett family moved in 1907 from Middle Grove to Moberly. The father, Ed Bassett, died here June 5, 1916, and Mrs. Bassett died Oct. 17, 1921.

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

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

146B. Joseph and John S. Bassett have been merged into the William Bassett of Plymouth family.

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Section 9 - DNA project update.

Results are back for kit #949621. He matched descendants of William Bassett of Plymouth. Earliest known ancestor at this point is John S. Bassett, born 1813 in New Brunswick, Canada.

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| 6077 | #56B John Bassett of NY | 13 | 23 | 14 | 11 | 10 | 14 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 29 | 17 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 24 | 15 | 19 | 30 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 18 | 11 | 10 | 19 | 23 | 15 | 15 | 17 | 18 | 36 | 40 | 13 | 12 |
| 949621 | #146B John W. Bassett of NB | 13 | 23 | 14 | 11 | 10 | 14 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 29 | 17 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 24 | 15 | 19 | 30 | 15 | 16 | 18 | 18 | 11 | 10 | 19 | 23 | 16 | 15 | 17 | 18 | 36 | 40 | 13 | 12 |
| 10280 | #146B John W. Bassett of NB | 13 | 23 | 14 | 11 | 10 | 14 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 29 | 17 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 24 | 15 | 19 | 30 | 15 | 16 | 18 | 18 | 11 | 10 | 19 | 23 | 16 | 15 | 17 | 18 | 36 | 40 | 13 | 12 |

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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