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Section 1 - Welcome

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

562B. John Bassett of Connecticut (b. 1851)

563B. Ross W. Bassett of Mississippi (b. 1872)

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 209,424



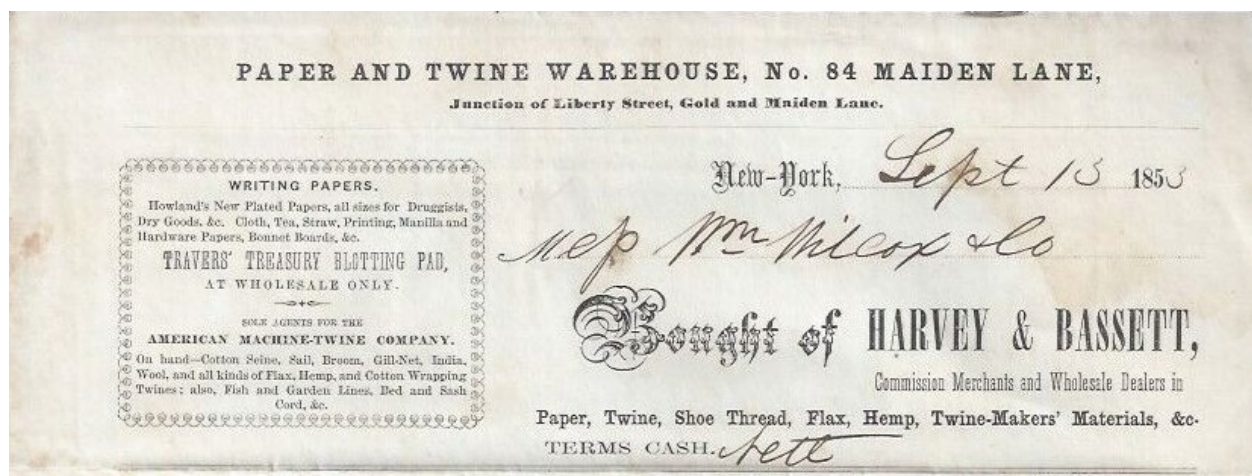
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## Section 2 – Featured Bassett: Harvey & Bassett Paper & Twine Warehouse Company Letterhead

Allen Lee Bassett descends from #1B John Bassett of Connecticut as follows:

John Bassett and wife Margery  
Robert Bassett and wife Mary  
Robert Bassett (b. 1640) and wife Elizabeth Riggs  
Captain Samuel Bassett (b. 1692) and wife Deborah Bennett  
Benjamin Bassett (b. 1740) and wife Molly Hinman  
John Bassett (b. 1779) and wife Nancy Atwater Lee  
Allen Lee Bassett (b. 1827)

Allen was previously featured in the May 2016 newsletter about his association with the Prudential Insurance Company.



CYCLOPEDIA OF NEW JERSEY BIOGRAPHY (1923)  
BASSETT, ALLAN LEE, Soldier, Editor, Underwriter.

Allan Lee Bassett was born on the family farm in New Haven county, near Derby, Connecticut, on February 28, 1827. His ancestors were of old Puritan stock. John Bassett, the first of his paternal line in this country, came to New Haven from England in 1642, and many of his descendants were prominent in the colonial life of New England, being landowners, farmers, educators, legislators and soldiers. His maternal ancestors were no less distinguished. His mother, Nancy Lee, was a descendant in the sixth generation of John Eliot, the Apostle, who emigrated in 1631 from England to Massachusetts, where he made himself famous not only for his learning but for his labors and sufferings as a missionary among the Indians.

The parents of Allan desired to educate him for a professional career, as in the case of his brothers, Eliot and Benjamin, who were graduates of Yale College; one becoming a clergyman and the other a physician. Accordingly young Allan was sent to Hopkins Grammar School in New Haven, where he received sound preparation for college. His enterprising spirit and eager desire to take part in the busy scenes of life could not, however, brook the delay incident to a college course, and at the age of eighteen he went to New York City to enter the commercial house of his uncle, Benjamin Franklin Lee, as a clerk. During the succeeding twenty years he was actively engaged in commercial affairs, organized and successfully conducted the firm of Bassett

& Mace, manufacturers and wholesale dealers in twine and hardware.

When the Civil War broke out he organized a military company known as the Brooklyn Greys, of which he was made captain. It was attached under the name of Company D to the Twenty-third Regiment, National Guard of the State of New York, and took part in quelling the New York riots and in the battle of Gettysburg. He remained at the head of the company until the close of the war, when he returned to his home in Brooklyn, disposed of his business, resigned his commission in the regiment, and with his family removed to Irvington, New Jersey. In May, 1866, he established the "Northern Monthly and New Jersey Magazine," of which he was editor and sole proprietor. Its editorial department furnishes evidence of Captain Bassett's good judgement and literary taste as a writer. Two years of close application in this editorial work induced him to sell "The Magazine" to the Putnams of New York, and it was thereafter published as "Putnam's Magazine and Northern Monthly".

Soon after abandoning the editorial chair in 1870, he engaged in the real estate business. The financial panic which took place during the following two years drove all land speculators from the market and with them went his occupation as well as a large share of his earnings. On the return of better times in 1875, he organized the Prudential Insurance Company, now one of the most important institutions of its kind in the country. He became its first president, and largely through his efforts the company was placed upon the basis which made possible the wonderful success which has followed. But differences of opinion arising in the conduct of its affairs, he withdrew in 1879 and associated himself with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York, and continued throughout the remainder of his life to occupy a position as superintendent in New Jersey, making Newark his residence.

Captain Bassett was a staunch Republican, and for several years chairman of the Essex County Republican Committee. He was always among the foremost in enterprises whose aim was the welfare of the community in which he lived. He was a prominent and influential member of the Board of Trade of the city of Newark, and was elected as its president for four terms, an honor without precedent in that organization. He was also a member of the Washington Association, which was established for the purpose of purchasing and preserving Washington's Headquarters at Morristown, New Jersey. In the New Jersey Historical Society he also manifested much interest, and labored zealously to secure a fireproof building for its valuable collections. From early life he was an earnest, consistent Christian, active in every good work. His genial nature endeared him to every one who knew him, and his wonderful energy and executive abilities gave him prominence in every movement, public or private, in which he took part.

In December, 1853, Captain Bassett married Caroline, daughter of John Phillips, M.D., of Bristol, Pennsylvania. Six children were born to them, four of whom and their mother died during his residence in Brooklyn.

Captain Bassett died at his home in Newark, New Jersey, on December 14, 1892. He is survived by a daughter, Allena, wife of Rev. John Balcom Shoaw, D.D., LL. D., president of Elmira College, New York; and a son, Carroll P. Bassett, of Summit, New Jersey.

PROV.—He denies himself, who asks what it is impossible to grant.

BASSETT & OWEN,

PAPER, TWINE AND CORDAGE,

44 VESEY ST. (near Astor House), NEW YORK.

BUYERS from all sections of the UNION are called to our stock of *Paper, Twine and Cordage*, unsurpassed in variety and price in this market.

WE APPEAL TO NO PREJUDICE, and ask no FAVORS, but are convinced that a house of ample means, large experience, and unequalled facilities, need offer no plea for patronage, *beyond that which your interest will lead you to bestow.*

WRITING PAPERS of every variety, *foreign and domestic*, in laid and wove, blue and white, *by the ream or case.*

ENVELOPES of every kind, style, color and quality.

WRAPPING PAPERS of every size and weight, of superior strength.

PRINTING AND BOOK PAPERS, of every quality and size, on hand, or made to order, at short notice.

TWINE AND CORDAGE WAREHOUSE.—*We are the Sole Agents* for the EMPIRE FLAX AND TWINE MILLS, and for *Fessenden's Cotton Twine and Cordage Co.* Flax Twines of all grades, and *Cotton Seine Twines* of both *Patent* and *Soft Laid*, unequalled by any in market, *at manufacturers' prices.*

CORDAGE.—A full assortment of all kinds of *Cordage and Lines*, from the best makers. Our manufacture of *Chalk, Mason and Fishing Lines* is equal, if not superior to any offered to the Trade.

NOTE.—*The above house is characterized for its fair dealing and inducements offered to buyers. We refer you most cordially to Messrs. Bassett & Owen.*—EDITOR.

New York City Directory, 1859

## COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

**DISSOLUTION.**—THE FIRM OF A. L. BASSETT & CO, is hereby dissolved by mutual consent. All business appertaining to the late firm will be settled by A. L. BASSETT.

NEW-YORK, Aug. 1, 1857.

A. L. BASSETT.  
H. W. LAW.

**COPARTNERSHIP.**—The undersigned have this day entered into a Copartnership for the transaction of the Paper, Twine and Cordage business under the firm of BASSETT & OWEN, and will continue the business at No. 48 Vesey-st.

NEW-YORK, Aug. 1, 1857.

A. L. BASSETT;  
DAVID OWEN,  
Late of Montgomery, Ala.

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Section 3 – Featured Bassett: Family Photograph of Isaac Newton and Mary (Jackson) Bassett:

Isaac Newton Bassett descends from 13B. Richard William Bassett of Maryland as follows

Richard William Bassett and wife Ann  
John Bassett (b. 1787) and wife Agatha Heard  
William Parnell Bassett (b. 1822) and wife Mary Elizabeth Lowe  
Isaac Newton Bassett (b. 1844) and wife Mary Jackson



Mary (Jackson) & Isaac N. Bassett

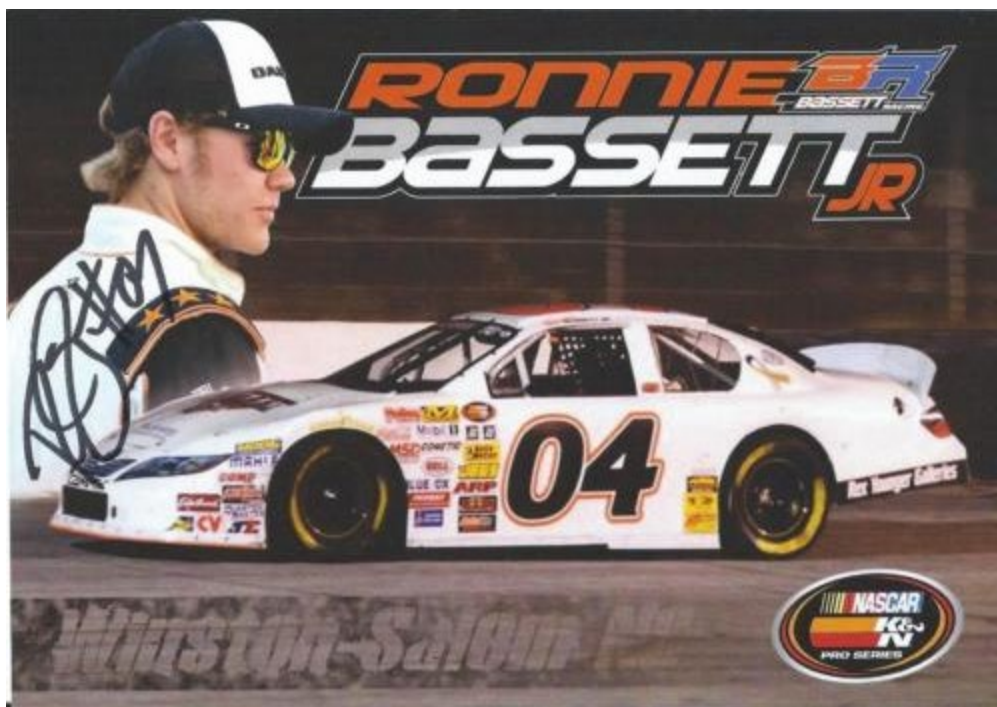
Picture from ancestry.com.

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Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Harold Wesley Bassett Obituary and Bassett Racing of North Carolina

Harold Wesley Bassett descends from #91B James Bassett of North Carolina as follows:

James Bassett and wife Jane Prestwood  
James Elisha Bassett (d. 1846) and wife Jane  
Daniel F. Bassett (b. 1838) and wife Edna James)  
William Daniel Bassett (b. 1883) and wife Julia A. Cook  
John Wesley Bassett (b. 1917) and wife Virginia Gray McCollum  
Harold Wesley Bassett (b. 1943)  
Ronnie Bassett  
Ronnie Jr. & Dillon Bassett



J.C. Green 7 Sons Funeral Home  
Harold Wesley Bassett  
February 15, 1943 - August 26, 2020

Mr. Harold Wesley Bassett, 77, of the Midway community went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home. He was born in Forsyth County on February 15, 1943 to the late John Wesley and Virginia McCollum Bassett. Harold was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He enjoyed sharing time with all of his grandchildren, going to his grandson's races, and the special visits from Chase. Harold was a member of Freeman Street Baptist Church and attended Lexwin Baptist Church. He loved to preach and teach Sunday school and wanted to see people saved. Harold proudly served in the United States Air Force and was a driver for Piedmont Concrete. He also enjoyed helping his son who operates Bassett Gutters & More. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a daughter, Ronda Gray Bassett and a grandson, John Curtis Bassett.

Surviving to cherish his memory is his wife of 56 years, Doris Southern Bassett of the home; son, Ronnie W. Bassett and wife Lisa of Winston-Salem; daughter, Rena Kay Burns and husband Johnny of King; two sisters, Carolyn Wilson and Julie Brown, both of Kernersville; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 PM on Sunday, August 30, 2020 at Lexwin Baptist Church with Pastor Erick Goff and Pastor Danny Hauser officiating. Interment will follow the service at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens with military rites provided by The Military Burial Honor Guard. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 5:00 until 8:00 PM at Lexwin Baptist Church, 100 Wainwright Ave., Winston-Salem, NC 27107. J.C. Green and sons Funeral Home in Winston-Salem is assisting the Bassett family. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.jcgreenandsons.com](http://www.jcgreenandsons.com).

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## Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Death of Ernest R. Bassett of Granville, New York

Ernest R. Bassett descends from #523 B Charles H. Bassett as follows:

Charles H. Bassett (b. 1886) and wife Lola Saunders  
Frederick Marshall Bassett (b. 1910) and wife Mable Sylvia Moyer  
Ernest R. Bassett (b. 1943)

The Granville Sentinel, New York, Monday, 17 July 2023  
Ernest R. Bassett, Sr.

Granville, NY - Ernest R. Bassett, Sr. passed away on July 15, 2023, at his home surrounded by his loving family following a long illness.

Ernie was born on April 19, 1943, in Granville, NY, the son of the late Frederick and Mabel (Moyer) Bassett.

He was raised in Granville and worked with his father in their flagstone business. He worked at Telescope Casual Furniture from which he retired after 32 years.

Ernie enjoyed and appreciated Hot Rod cars and was a fan of harness racing in his younger years. Ernie adored children and coached his boys in Little League before becoming the President of Granville Little for 46 years. He was recently honored with a plaque and sign commemorating his years of service to the program. The children will fondly remember him riding around visiting each field's games each night on the golf cart, and they won't ever see a Swedish fish without thinking of him. This was a treat he always had on hand, passing them out throughout the park. Ernie loved his baseball and cheered on his beloved Yankees every game.

He was a devoted son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather and just enjoyed his family. He enjoyed trips to Maine, Hampton Beach and most recently an outing to the Saratoga Harness Track.

Ernie was predeceased by his parents, brothers Arthur Moyer, Sr and Harold Bassett, and a grandson Tyler Bassett. Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 60 years, Nancy (Crouch), daughter April, sons Ernest Jr. (Crystal) and Aron (Heather) He was blessed with three grandchildren: Hunter, Hannah, and Holton. He will be lovingly remembered by his sister Sylvia Loomis (Robert) and brother Gene Bassett.

A graveside funeral service will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 11 AM at the Elmwood Cemetery in Middle Granville, NY. Friends may call on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, from 4-7 PM at the Robert M King Funeral Home, 23 Church Street, Granville, NY 12832.

The family wishes to extend their sincere appreciation to Glens Falls Hospital 4W and Tower 2 as well as High Peaks Hospice and Granville Rescue Squad.

Memorial contributions are welcomed in his memory to the Granville Little League for the construction of a new concession stand at the Little League, which of course will have Swedish Fish for sale. They are payable to Granville Little League and mailed to Robin Dodge, 82 Church St., Granville, NY 12832.

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Section 6 – Featured Bassett: William Bassett Insolvent debtor of Havod Gannol Farm, Wales

William Bassett descends from #292B Sir Elias Bassett of Wales as follows:

Sir Elias Bassett (b. 1320) and wife Margaret  
John Bassett (b. 1350) and wife Joan  
Thomas Bassett (b. 1380) and wife Alice Marcross  
John Bassett (b. 1410) and wife Gwenllian  
Jenkin Bassett (b. 1445) and wife Jenet Philip  
William Bassett (b. 1477) and wife Catherine Fleming  
Christopher Bassett (b. 1514) and wife Jane Morgan  
Thomas Bassett and wife Mary Evans  
William Bassett and wife Mary Thomas  
Thomas Bassett (b. 1641) and wife Joan Harry  
George Bassett (b. 1688)  
Christopher Bassett and wife Mary Roberts  
Thomas Bassett and wife Catherine Morgan  
George (b. 1760) and wife Mary Morgan  
William Bassett and wife Catherine Watkins.

William was the father of Azariah Bassett who moved to Australia.

**MINERAL PROPERTY.**

**TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,**

At the Bush Inn, Merthyr, on Friday, the 3rd of April, 1846,  
at Twelve o'Clock at noon, by  
MR. THOMAS DAVIES,

By the order of the assignee of the estate of William Bassett,  
an insolvent debtor, subject to such conditions of sale as shall  
be then produced,

**A**LL that FREEHOLD FARM and Lands, commonly  
called Havod Gannol, situate in the parish of Lanwonno,  
in the county of Glamorgan, late in the occupation of the said  
William Bassett, and containing about 150 acres.

The above property, being situate in the very heart of the  
mineral district of Glamorganshire, presents a most valuable  
investment. Collieries are worked under the adjoining pro-  
perty, and there is no doubt that the veins run under the above  
farm also. A cheap and speedy transit for the minerals is se-  
cured by a railway and tramroad, both passing close to the  
land. There is also a quantity of valuable timber, consisting  
of oak, ash, &c., growing on the farm, ready to be felled.

For further particulars, apply to Mr. Walter Morgan, of  
Merthyr Tydfil, the assignee; or to  
MR. J. H. LANGLEY, Solicitor, Cardiff.

March 11, 1846.

The Monmouthshire Merlin and South Wales Advertiser, March 14, 1846





A Picture of present day Havod Gannol (Hafod Ganol) Farm in Wales. This property can be rented out.

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### Section 7 – Featured Bassett: Richard H. Bassett, Silver Star Recipient for service during World War II

Richard H. Bassett descends from 13B. Richard William Bassett of Maryland as follows:

Richard William Bassett and wife Ann  
 Richard Bassett (b. 1800) and wife Elizabeth Langley  
 Thomas Jefferson Bassett (b. 1834) and wife Jane Freeman  
 Thomas Jefferson Bassett Jr. (b. 1874) and wife Ezra Mae Monroe  
 Richard Harold Bassett (b. 1925)

Newspaper and Date unknown  
 With Local Boys Now In The Service

Richard H. Bassett, 18, seaman 2-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bassett, Glenn, Ga., has completed basic training at the Submarine School, Submarine Base, New London, Conn., for duty with our growing fleet of undersea fighters.

Seaman Bassett will be entitled to wear the twin dolphin insignia of the submarine service after further experience aboard a submarine during which he must demonstrate to his commanding officer that he is fully qualified to carry out the duties of his rate. The insignia is regarded as a mark of distinction throughout the Navy.

Bassett attended Abbotsford, Georgia High, competing in basketball and baseball. After joining the Navy last December, he received basic naval instruction at Bainbridge, Maryland, training station.

The Submarine School, the only one of its kind in the Navy, is attended by a picked group of men who must pass special physical, mental, and psychological tests.

The school work takes place not only in classrooms and laboratories, but also in numerous training submarines in which students master the actual techniques of operating the powerful fighting craft.

Many students at Submarine School already have seen battle as members of surface ship crews before volunteering for submarine duty.

# Richard H. Bassett

## AWARDS BY DATE OF ACTION:

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### Silver Star

AWARDED FOR ACTIONS  
DURING World War II

Service: Navy

Rank: Electrician's Mate Third Class

Division: U.S.S. Spadefish (SS-411)

#### GENERAL ORDERS:

#### CITATION:

The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Electrician's Mate Third Class Richard H. Bassett (NSN: 6373520), United States Navy, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action in the performance of his duties as a member of the crew of the U.S.S. SPADEFISH (SS-411), during a War Patrol of the Submarine. His skill, and high degree of proficiency as starboard battle lookout were of valuable assistance to his Commanding Officer in conducting attacks which resulted in sinking enemy ships totaling more than 30,000 tons and damaging approximately 10,000 tons. His calm manner and devotion to duty contributed directly to the success of his vessel. His conduct throughout was an inspiration to all with whom he served and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.



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

No lines have been combined since the last newsletter

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

563B. Ross W. Bassett of Mississippi (b. 1872)

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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.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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