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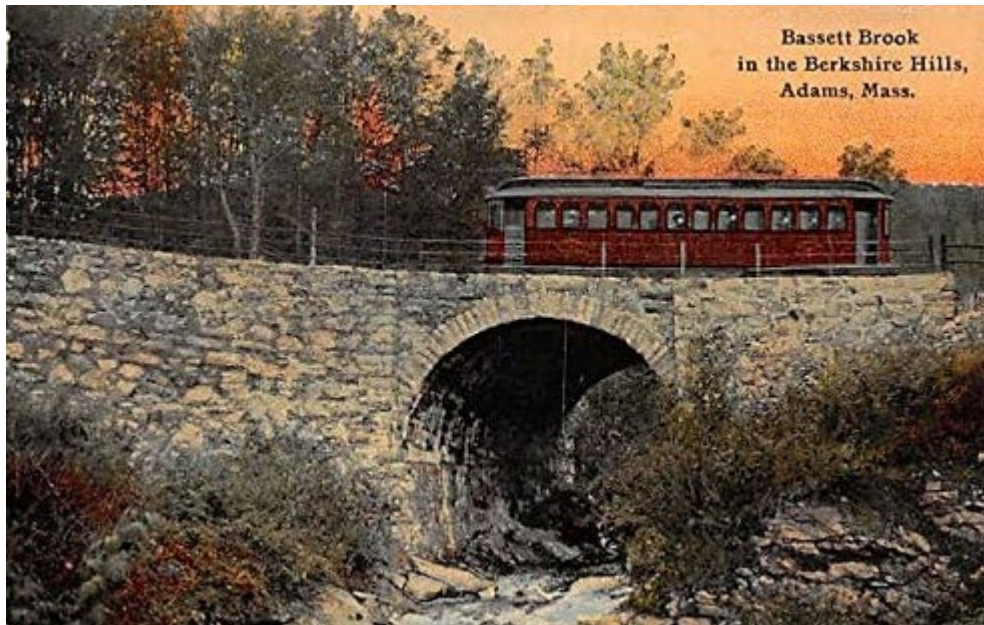
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Section 1 - Welcome

If you are related to the Isaac Newton Bassett line featured below, I would like to talk to you about taking part in DNA testing.

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 211,351



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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Obituary of Isaac Newton Bassett

Isaac Newton Bassett descends from #46B. Isaac Bassett of New York & Illinois as follows:

Isaac Bassett and wife Lucinda Strain

Isaac Newton Bassett (b. 1846) and wife Frances Culler



Isaac Newton Bassett from ancestry.com

Isaac Newton Bassett, one of the oldest citizens of Newton county, passed away at his home in the south part of town Tuesday morning at the age of 76 years. He was a resident of Newton county about 52 years. Mr. Bassett was born in Hancock county, Illinois. He migrated to Kansas in his early boyhood and thence to his present home. He was a veteran of the Civil war. His wife and five children survive him: John Basset, 3 miles southeast of Fairview; Noah Bassett, near Purdy, and Charles Basset of Wyoming; Mrs. Dave Cummings of Fairview and Mrs. Strickland of San Francisco, Calif.—Fairview Herald.

The Neosho Times, Thursday, 9 February 1922

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Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Huldah Charles Bassett of Wales, Musician and Broadcaster

Huldah Charles Bassett descends from #350 John Bassett of Langquicke, Wales as follows:

John Bassett (b. 1791) and wife Mary Phillips

David Bassett (b. 1821) and wife Anne

David Bassett (b. 1861) and wife Mary Hannah Charles

Huldah Charles Bassett (b. 1901)

Dictionary of Welsh Biography

Huldah Charles Bassett (1901 - 1982), teacher, musician and broadcaster

Huldah Bassett was born on 8 June 1901 in Pen-parc, Cardigan, the daughter of the Rev. David Bassett, a Baptist minister from Ystalyfera, and his wife Mary Hannah (née Charles), from Fforest-fach, Swansea. She had a younger brother, Alun, who was an able mathematician and became head of the examination division of the Welsh Joint Education Committee. In 1914 her father moved to a pastorate in Aberdare, where she entered the Girls' County School and competed with great success in local eisteddfodau in both music and literary competitions.

In 1919 she was the first recipient of a prize offered by the Aberdare Cymrodorion to the candidate from the Aberdare County Schools awarded the highest marks in Welsh in the examinations of the Central Welsh Board; she was also placed second in Welsh through the whole of Wales in the same examination. She went to University College Cardiff to study Welsh under Professor W. J. Gruffydd and was one of the five pupils to whom Gruffydd dedicated his *Llenyddiaeth Cymru o 1450 hyd 1600* in 1922, the year in which she graduated with first class honours in Welsh.

Her first teaching post was in Cowbridge, from where she moved to the Girls' County School in Barry, where she collaborated with her colleague Rhyda A. Jones, who taught music: their carol, 'Ymdaenai cyfrin lenni'r nos' was published by Oxford University Press and the National Council of Music in 1932 and again in *Carolau Hen a Newydd* in 1954. It was in Barry also that she completed her research on the life and work of the poet 'Golyddan' (Kpjm Rpbert {Pryse), 1840-1862), and was awarded a University of Wales MA in 1935 for her thesis, 'Golyddan: ei fywyd a'i weithiau: gyda chyfeiriad arbennig at yr arwrgerdd Gymraeg' [Golyddan: his life and works: with special reference to the epic in Welsh].

In 1937 she was appointed the first head teacher of the Girls' County School in Gowerton, where she remained until her retirement in 1966, maintaining high academic standards and securing a very good reputation for the school. She also endeavoured to retain its Welsh character: the school was, for instance, a subscriber to the recordings of Welsh music issued by the Welsh Recorded Music Society at the end of the 1940s.

It was also during the 1940s that she began broadcasting alongside Stephen J. Williams in a series for Welsh learners, 'Dysgu Cymraeg'; she later hosted her own programme, 'Rhigwm a Chân' (Rhyme and Song), for which she wrote the script, presented, sang and played the piano. The programme proved very popular with younger listeners, and she showed complete command of the medium.

She represented the National Union of Teachers (Wales) on the Schools Broadcasting Council for Wales and was also a member of the Council for Wales and Monmouthshire. An active supporter of Urdd Gobaith Cymru, she was a frequent adjudicator at the Urdd Eisteddfod and the National Eisteddfod. She was a member of the executive committee of the National Eisteddfod held in Swansea in 1964 and one of the Honorary Presidents of the Urdd Eisteddfod in Swansea in 1971. Huldah Bassett died in Swansea on 15 July 1982, aged 81.

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Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Golden Wedding Anniversary of George Washington Bassett

George Washington Bassett descends from #5B William Bassett of Virginia as follows:

William Bassett
William Bassett and wife Bridget Carey
William Bassett (b. 1671) and wife Joanna Burwell
William Bassett (b. 1709) and wife Elizabeth Churchill
Burwell Bassett (b. 1734) and wife Anna Maria Dandridge
John Bassett (b. 1765) and wife Betty Carter Browne
George Washington Bassett (b. 1800) and wife Betty B. Lewis

Richmond Dispatch, Virginia, Wednesday, 2 August 1876
An Interesting Centennial Event
Golden Wedding of Lineal Descendants of General and Lady Washington

On yesterday afternoon there was celebrated at Clover Lea, in Hanover county, about three miles from Old Church, an event of unusual interest in this the centennial era. It was nothing more nor less than the golden wedding of Colonel and Mrs. George Washington Bass, perhaps the nearest living relatives of General and Lady George Washington. Colonel Bassett is a grand-nephew of Lady Washington, and Mrs. Bassett is a grand-niece of General Washington. After fifty years of a happy wedded life, full of the reminiscences of the better days of a grand old Commonwealth, this venerable couple have been permitted to gather around them their relatives and descendants, who unite in the prayer that many a year of mutual peace and contentment may be left them.

The occasion drew together many friends from the neighborhood, and the jollification was one that carried the spectator back to the time when General Washington used to open wide his hospitable doors and bid all honest men and women to enter and be of good cheer.

Colonel Bassett is seventy-six years of age, and "Lady" Bassett sixty-nine, and both are remarkably well preserved, and love each other with the same devotion that prompted them to unite their lives fifty years ago. This statement would appear indelicate if they had only been married fifteen or twenty years, but when people have been together for fifty years it seems that you can say what you please about them.

Many handsome presents in gold were tendered the venerable couple, among others a hundred dollars in Tilden Centennial gold, tendered by Major John H. Claiborne, whose first wife was a daughter of the golden bride and groom. The children of Colonel Bassett are scattered about the country - as follows: Two in Texas, one in South Carolina, one in Illinois, one in West Virginia, one in New Jersey, and one in Virginia. May he and his lady live to see their diamond wedding in the same health and happiness that have surrounded them on this happy occasion.

NOTICE.—The public are requested to attend the sale of "Eltham Plantation," in the county of New Kent, heretofore advertised in the Richmond Whig, for the 13th December, day after New Kent Court, or the next fair day, (Sundays excepted,) if the 13th prove bad. Sale on the premises, twelve miles from the Court House. Terms—one-third cash, balance in two yearly instalments, secured as usual. It contains 1,400 acres, and will be divided to suit purchasers, if desired.

About 60 Negroes, a variety of Stock, Crops, Plantation Utensils, &c., &c., will also be sold—the Negroes for cash—with a credit of six months, on the other matters, for all sums over twenty dollars, the Corn excepted, for which cash, or a negotiable note at 60 days, will be required, with good endorsers.

New Kent Court-house, Tavern, Store-house, &c., will be sold or rented on the 12th, (Court day.) The land on the North side of the road goes with the Tavern, &c.—that on the South (about half) goes separately, with the usual restrictions, to protect the other from interference.

Rootes' Quarter, containing about 400 acres, will be sold or rented at the Court-house. Terms for this, same as Eltham.

A valuable, thorough blood Stallion, and Brood Mare, also at the Court House—six months credit.

GEO. W. BASSETT,

Executor of B. Bassett, deceased.

Clover Sea, Dec. 3, 1844.—tds

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Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Henry Bassett, architect and "Chronicles of Gloucester Crescent"

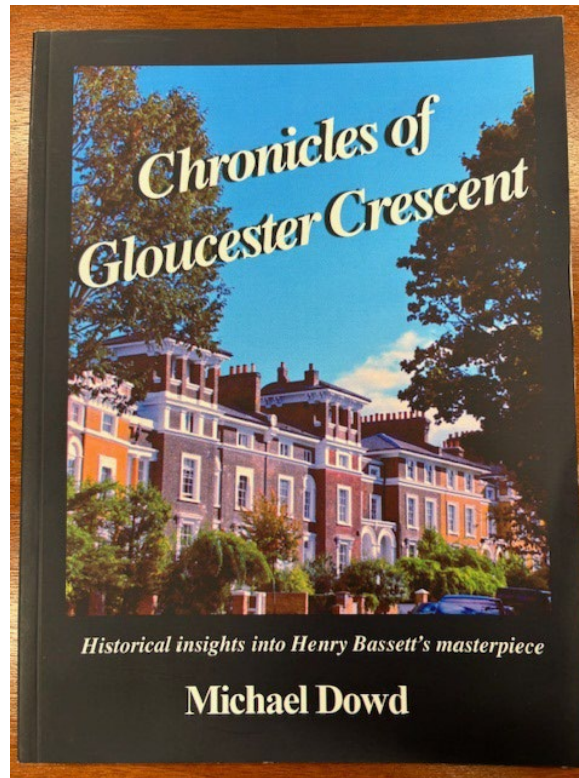
Henry Bassett descends from #473B Edward Bassett of London as follows:

Edward Bassett (b. 1751) and wife Sarah Field
George Bassett (b. 1773) and wife Sophia Augusta Durham
Henry Bassett (b. 1803) who died in 1846.

I first mentioned this book in May of 2019 at the following link.

[Microsoft Word - 201905.docx \(bassettbranches.org\)](#)

The book is now complete and Michael was kind enough to send me a copy. It talks about the history of the Gloucester Crescent and the Henry Bassett associated with the building of this landmark.



Book courtesy of Michael Dowd


Excerpts from the book below

Gloucester Crescent is typically described in flattering terms: it has been referred to as *Britain's cleverest street*, as *'the trendiest street in London'*, and even as *'the most spectacular street in London'*. Until now the answer as to how and why Gloucester Crescent developed its attractive personality has not been apparent. However, extensive research into Gloucester Crescent's 200-year old history suggest that the most *'spectacular street in London'* certainly did not achieve its reputation by accident.

The origin of Gloucester Crescent's particular appeal is inextricably linked with the story of a little known and long forgotten young architect Henry Bassett, a pupil at the Royal Academy of Art, and winner of the Academy's Gold medal in 1825 for his Tuscan studies. It is the story of how, despite many setbacks, Henry Bassett succeeded in realising his dream of building a friendly urban community that was not only affordable but also an outstanding architectural achievement.

Henry Bassett lived with his family at Powis Place on Haverstock Hill, a small group of 20-30 houses facing meadows and grazing land, as far as Highgate and Hampstead. The property was leased from the Southampton Estate by Henry's father George Bassett who became Land Agent and Surveyor to the estate around 1820. His position allowed him to be involved in his own speculative house building on the estate, at the same time as he was overseeing the estate's property interests. From 1822 George Bassett's son Henry was a student at London's Royal Academy of Art. His early architectural designs, mostly in the classic Doric style, were regularly exhibited at the Academy's annual exhibitions. In 1825 Henry was awarded the Gold medal for his outstanding studies in Tuscany, a turning point in his architectural career. Studying at evening classes, Henry began working alongside his father at 15 Norfolk Street and later at the Southampton estate offices at 44 Fitzroy Square.

Henry Bassett 1803-1846



Born: Southwark
 Buried: Highgate. Nov. 1846
 Family home: 7 Powis Place, Haverstock Hill
 Mother: Catherine
 Father: George. 1773-1846 (died same year as his son).
 Wife: Maria. Died 1880
 Brother: George junior 1800-1877
 Daughter: Kate
 Son: Henry

1822 Aged nineteen, Henry enrolled at the Royal Academy of Art.

- 1821 Design involvement for Burton Park for John Biddulph.
- 1823 Awarded Gold Medal by the Society of Arts.
- 1825 Royal Academy gold and silver awards for studies in the Tuscan region.
- 1825 Awarded a patent by London Journal of Arts and Sciences.
- 1826-31 Royal Academy. Exhibits Nos. 924, 904 for a Grecian Church.
- 1826 Working alongside his father at Southampton offices in Fitzroy Square.
- 1828-31 Royal Academy. Exhibit No: 1003. View of Burton Park.
- 1833 Royal Academy. Design for a Classical Villa No. 33 Highgate West Hill.
- 1834-36 Gloucester Crescent, Nos. 1-2 'Southampton Cottages'.
- 1837 Began work with father as 'Bassett & Son' for Southampton estate.
- 1839 Member of the Architects' Institute.
- 1839 Exhibit No. 611 'Ideal architectural' Composition.
- 1842 Design for Regent's Park Road villas.
- 1844 Royal Academy Gold Medal. Henry's last exhibit, for 'Tower Hill and Tower House'. Exhibit no. 1238
- 1842-45 Design for houses Nos. 3-19 Gloucester Crescent.

Here is a link to a previous newsletter with pictures of Henry's son and grandson.

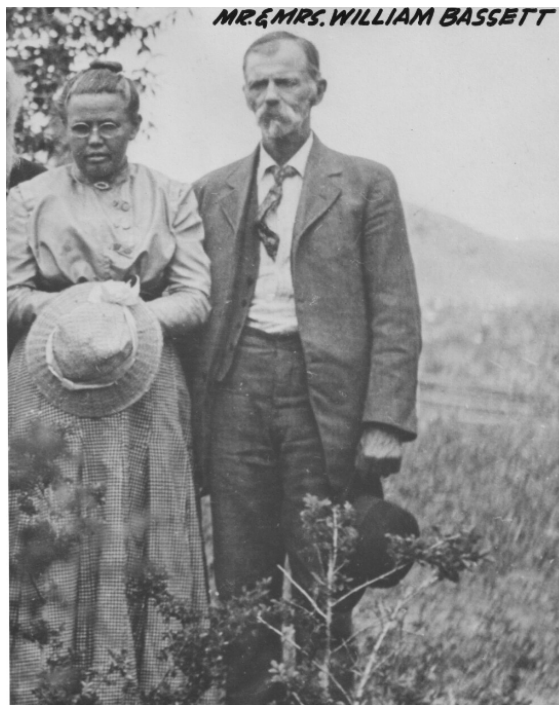
[Henry Bassett of Reading, England Portrait mix-up | Bassett Family Association \(bassettbranches.org\)](http://bassettbranches.org)

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Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Outdoor Photograph of William D. and Elizabeth (Mulherin) Bassett

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

Roger Bassett and wife Ann Holland
William Bassett (b. 1623) and wife Sarah Burt
William Bassett (b. 1647) and wife Sarah Hood
John Bassett (b. 1682) and wife Abigail Berry
Daniel Bassett and wife Lydia Hood
John Bassett (b. 1739) and wife Ruth Newhall
Daniel Bassett (b. 1773) and wife Abigail Bean
Philip C. Bassett (b. 1821) and wife Mary Berry
William Daniel Bassett (b. 1851) and wife Elizabeth A. Mulherin



Picture from the Montana History Portal, circa 1905

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Section 7 - Featured Bassett: R. H. Bassett Limited of Adelaide, South Australia

Rupert Henry Bassett descends from #234 Richard Bassett of North Hill Cornwall as follows:

Richard Bassett (b. 1767) and wife Jane Harris
William Bassett (b. 1799) and wife Elizabeth Vosper
William Bassett (b. 1833) and wife Johanna Louise Emilie Klaucke
Rupert George Bassett (b. 1871) and wife Antonia Emma Scholz
Rupert Henry Bassett (b. 1889)

R. H. Bassett Limited

R. H. Bassett Limited has been registered in Adelaide with a nominal capital of £2,000 in 10/ shares.

Objects of the company are to purchase and acquire the existing business of an electrical and radio engineer and contractor carried on at present by Rupert Henry Bassett, at 368 Halifax street, Adelaide, under the style of R. H. Bassett, and to carry on in South Australia or elsewhere in all its branches the business of electrical and radio engineering and contracting.

Subscribers to the memorandum of association are:—Rupert Henry Bassett, electrical engineer and contractor, Halifax street, Adelaide; Antonia Emma Bassett, widow, Halifax street, Adelaide; Dorothea Evelyn Kellett, Cedar avenue, Glenunga; Muriel Antonia Wooff, married, Sunnyside, Glen Osmond; and Jack Bell, public accountant, Waymouth street, Adelaide.

First directors of the company will be Mr. R. H. Bassett, Mrs. A. E. Bassett, and Mr. J. Bell. There shall be three directors.

Registered office of the company is at 368 Halifax street, Adelaide.



Grave of Rupert Henry Bassett, Murray Bridge Cemetery, Murray Bridge, South Australia

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

No new lines added and no lines combined since the last newsletter.

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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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