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Section 1 - Welcome

I still have funds available for several Y-DNA kits for any lines not yet represented in the DNA study.

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 220,356

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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Stanford Marcus Bassett, artist from Massachusetts

Stantord Marcus Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth, Massachusetts as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
Nathaniel Bassett (b. 1628) and wife Dorcas Joyce
Nathan Bassett (b. 1677) and wife Mary Crowell
Nathaniel Bassett (b. 1712) and wife Sarah Chase
Samuel Bassett (b. 1746) and wife Peninnah Bassett
John Bassett (b. 1770) and wife Mercy Ellis
Stephen Bassett (b, 1801) and wife Hepsibeth Eldridge
Stephen H. Bassett (b. 1828) and wife Lura Nickerson
Herbert Bassett (b. 1855) and wife Lizzie C.
Benjamin F. Bassett (b. 1879) and wife Jessie Higginson
Reuben Stanford Bassett (b. 1911) and wife Gladys J. Rosser
Stanford Marcus Bassett (b. 1947, d.2014)



Stanford Bassett artwork currently for sale on Ebay

The Berkshire Eagle, November 2, 2014
Stanford Bassett

BASS RIVER Stanford "Marc" Bassett, 67, passed away on October 26, 2014. Marc was born and raised in Bass River and graduated with a BFA from New England School of Art & Design. An accomplished painter and woodcarver, Marc was very talented and well known throughout the New England area. He was a spiritual and adventurous man who loved the sea, commissioning artwork through his company Bassett Woodcarvings. He is survived by his daughters, Leah Sarrah Bassett, and Rachael Cathlene Bassett; and their mother, Alice Lynch. He was the brother of Rosalind Hennessey, Gladys Jane Pendergraft, and the late Gail Carnovale. FUNERAL NOTICE: A Memorial service and celebration of his life will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 11 a.m. at South Yarmouth United Methodist Church. 322 Old Main St. South Yarmouth. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to The Family Pantry, 133 Queen Anne Rd. Harwich, MA 02645. Notes of comfort and sympathy may be made to his family at www.MorrisoConnorBlute.com.

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Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Nathaniel George Washington Bassett family portrair

Nathaniel George Washington Bassett descends from 136B George W. Bassett as follows:

George W. Bassett and wife Frances
Nathaniel George Washington Bassett (b. 1861)

Elk City Morning Times, Oklahoma, Friday, 22 December 1933
Nathan G.W. Bassett

Nathan G.W. Bassett was born Feb. 10, 1861 in Fayette, Ark., and departed this life Dec. 16, 1933, at 4 o'clock p.m. at Carpenter, Oklahoma.

At four years of age he moved with his parents to Parker county, Texas, and settled near Weatherford.

He was married to Miss Mary Ann Sullivan at the age of 21. To this union were born one daughter, Mrs. Arthur Richmond, of Elk City; and four sons, Ira Bassett of Oklahoma City; George C. of Coroma, Calif., and Nathan of Earlimont, California and Corbett who preceded his father in death in 1913.

Brother Bassett moved to Oklahoma in 1897 and settled in Campster neighborhood.

He was converted in 1898, became a member of the Baptist church of which he was an ordained deacon and for 35 years was a faithful and tree Christian. Brother Bassett was an active member of the Masonic lodge and was greatly esteemed by all who knew him. He leaves to mourn his departure his faithful wife, one daughter and three sons, seven grandchildren and a host of friends and neighbors.



Nathaniel George Washington Bassett family photograph with wife Mary Sullivan Bassett and children James Ira Bassett, Corbett Bassett and Ethel Bassett.

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Section 4 - Featured Bassett: William R. Bassett of Erie, Pennsylvania

William R. Bassett descends from 106B Thomas Bassett of Ireland and Erie, PA as follows:

Thomas Lovell Bassett (b. 1817) and wife Elizabeth Mary
William R. Bassett

The Erie Daily Times, Pennsylvania, Wednesday, 8 March 1893
Obituary – Thomas Bassett

Tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock the remains of the late Thomas Bassett will be laid at rest in the Erie cemetery. Deceased came to this city from Ireland in 1850, where he was born in 1815. He and his affianced came to this country on the same vessel and were married in New York. They came to Erie shortly after their marriage and went to housekeeping on West Eighth street for a year, when they moved to West Eleventh street and had lived in the same locality ever since. Mr. Bassett went to work for the firm of Lester, Sennett & Chester, and continued with that enterprise through the changes from Sennett, Barr & Co, to Barr & Johnson, then Johnson, Black & Co., and finally Black & Germer, for a period of forty years, and had charge of the iron pattern fitting department. Mr. Bassett commenced study for the ministry in the Dublin University when quite a young man, but was obliged to quit study

on account of ill health. When he came to Erie he became a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church under the rectorship of Rev. Mr. Ambercrombie and had continued a communicant of that church till his death.

He leaves three sons – J.J. Bassett, with the Skinner engine company; William R. Bassett, weighmaster at the P. & E. yards, and Alfred Bassett, on the Chicago board of trade – and a daughter, Miss Lizzie Bassett, of the high school faculty. He also leaves his faithful wife, with whom he had lived so long, happily and prosperously. Mr. Bassett had but one brother in this country and that was John Bassett, a soldier in the late war and over whose remains the nephew, J.J. Bassett, read the Episcopal burial service in the Kane Cemetery a few years ago. The mother of Mr. Richard Gaggin was a sister of the deceased. Deceased was a man of very staunch integrity and he enjoyed the confidence of his neighbors and acquaintances to an unusual degree. The illness which resulted in his death came upon him about seven weeks ago and terminated rather suddenly. His widow and children have the sympathies of every man in the shops of which he was so long an employe, as well as of thousands of others. The Rev. John Huske, of St. Paul's, will officiate at the funeral services at the late residence. The interment will be private.



Trading card for William R. Bassett of Erie, Pennsylvania

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Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Death of William Harney Bassett (d. 2026)

William Harney 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
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 Sally B. Johnson
Julius Bassett (b. 1818) and wife Augusta Ann Lake
Frederick Burton Bassett (b. 1842) and wife Fannie Thomas
Frederick Brewster Bassett (b. 1869) and wife Elizabeth Isabelle Harney
Frederic Harney Bassett (b. 1901) and wife Mary Elizabeth Scriven
William Harney Bassett

A Better Place Funeral & Cremation Services
William Harney Bassett
September 15, 1939 to October 2, 2026

William Harney Bassett was born on September 15, 1939, in Chicago, Illinois, to Mary Elizabeth Scriven Bassett and Frederic Harney Bassett. As a young boy, his family moved to Denver, where Will discovered his passion for exploring the mountains.

Will graduated from Fountain Valley School in Colorado. At Dartmouth College, he developed his intellectual curiosity and interest in the outdoors. Will was a member of the Dartmouth Mountaineering Club and was on the Nordic Combined ski team. He graduated in 1962 with a BA in Geology.

Travel and mountains were loved by Will. After college, he explored the South American Andes on two climbing expeditions. In 1965, he served as a mountaineering guide for the Iowa Mountaineers, and summited multiple high peaks in the Quebrada Ishinca Valley, Cordillera Blanca. While in Peru, he extended his travel to float the Amazon River. Between trips to South America, Will joined Greg Blomberg, Mac Magary, Eric Coleman, and Ned Amstutz in the Canadian Saint Elias Range to make a first ascent on the north side of Mount Logan. They named their route Independence Ridge. He made many excursions down canyons and floated rivers throughout the Southwest.

Will spent winters as a ski patroller at Jackson Ski Area in Wyoming, Vail, Arapahoe Basin, and Eldora Ski Areas in Colorado. His love for the mountains and scientific mind led him to work as a snow ranger at Alta, Utah, where he did avalanche control work and was an integral part of many challenging mountain rescues. In 1970, Will left Alta to work for the Wyoming Highway Department to do Avalanche Control on Teton Pass. He taught Alpine and Nordic Skiing at Snow King Ski Area in Jackson, Wyoming. During the summers, Will was employed with Exum Guide Service. He lived on Guide's Hill in Grand Teton National Park, where he taught rock climbing and mountaineering. Will met Pam Lathrop, his wife-to-be, when he guided her up the Grand Teton.

Music was one of Will's passions. While living in Boulder, Colorado, he participated in many good evenings of folk dancing. At the Stagecoach Bar in Wilson, Wyoming, Will was a regular with the band, "Ron Scott and the Unpaid

Bills." He was always up for a gig playing guitar and singing around the Jackson Valley. Will filled his days listening to classical music. Later in life, he played the recorder for long hours outside his Winter Park Cabin.

In 1980, Will earned his JD from Franklin Pierce Law School in Concord, New Hampshire. Returning to Denver, he worked as a lawyer for the firm Neef, Swanson, Meyer and Clarke, then with the Attorney General, where he focused on Colorado water rights.

In 1987, Will was diagnosed with an arteriovenous malformation and underwent major brain surgery. He survived multiple medical challenges with courage and grace, but was unable to work as a lawyer or pursue many of the activities he loved. Facing a new lifestyle, he volunteered at Foothills Academy, where he taught Latin and Chess; was an active member of the Denver Optimist Club; and was recognized for over fifteen years of volunteer service at the Museum of Nature and Science in Denver. Will and his family spent time in their small cabin near Winter Park, Colorado, where his boys skied, hiked, or rode bikes nearby.

Throughout his life, Will pursued history, science, philosophy, and more. He was intrigued by languages and wordplay. He studied Ancient Greek and Latin. Playing Chess and the game of Go was a good time for Will. He collected files of songs and could easily recite many favorite poems. Will had a fine intellect.

Will appreciated the love, care, and support of his family and many lifelong friends. He is remembered for his perseverance, love of learning, accomplishments in the mountains, and his role as a husband, father, and grandfather. Will is survived by his wife of 54 years, Pamela Lathrop Bassett; their two sons, William Gordon Bassett and Dr. Christopher Harney Bassett; their spouses; four spirited granddaughters; his two siblings, Alicia Scriven Bassett Siegler, and brother Frederic Brewster Bassett; and his Yates stepfamily.

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Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Biographical Portrait of William Merry Bassett

William Merry Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth, Massachusetts as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
William Bassett (b. 1624) and wife Mary Raynesford
Nathan Bassett (b. 1667) and wife Mary Huckins
William Bassett (b. 1702) and wife Anna Mayhew
Nathan Bassett (b. 1751) and wife Martha Bassett
Nathan Bassett (b. 1785) and wife Rhoda Merry
William Merry Bassett (b. 1820)

Portrait and Biographical Album of Lee County, Iowa (1887)
William M. Bassett

William M. Bassett, a popular and prosperous merchant of Charleston, Iowa, a gentleman of enterprise and energy, is conducting his business in a straightforward and honorable manner, and enjoys a large and steadily increasing patronage. He came to Iowa while it was still a Territory, and has been a resident of Lee County since the fall of 1954. During this long period

of years he has built up a good reputation as a business man and a citizen, and is classed among the valued members of the community.

Mr. Bassett is a native of the Empire State, having been born in Lewis County, Aug. 23, 1820. He is the son of Nathan and Rhoda (Merry) Bassett, natives respectively of Martha's Vineyard and Connecticut. They settled in the State of New York soon after their marriage, and remained there the balance of their lives. Nathan Bassett was a carpenter by occupation and also engaged in hotel-keeping. He and his wife became the parents of six children, five sons and one daughter, William being the fifth in order of birth.

William Bassett of our sketch received his early education in the common schools of the Empire State. He was a bright, ambitious boy, devoted to his studies and anxious to excel. At an early age he became fitted for a teacher, and followed this profession for a period of five years in the Stat of New York. In the fall of 1843 he crossed the Mississippi and came into Mahaska County, Iowa, where he resided for two years, thence removed to Van Buren County, and remained there for about eight years, still pursuing his occupation as a teacher. In the fall of 1854 he came into Lee County, and purchasing a farm in Charleston Township, engaged in agricultural pursuits for twenty-one years or until the fall of 1875, when he rented his farm, and purchasing a stock of goods established his present business in the village of Charleston. His stock consists of a large assortment of general merchandise, and his trade extends throughout the county. His farm comprises 263 acres, the greater part of which is under good cultivation. It is supplied with a good set of farm buildings and all the appliances for the prosecution of agriculture after the most approved methods.

The marriage of William M. Bassett and Miss Eliza Chantry was celebrated in Van Buren County, Iowa, on New Year's Day, 1845. Mrs. B. is a native of Pennsylvania, and came to Van Buren Cuonty, Iowa, with her parents, in the spring of 1837. She is the daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Passmore) Chantry, natives respectively of England and Pennsylvania, who are among the early pioneers of this section. Mr. and Mrs. Bass have become the parents of nine children, of whom one, John, died at the age of eighteen months; those living are Constantine S., Thomas N., Malvina, Howard E., Lewis A., George M., Chris E. and Annette.

Mr. Bassett has been prominent in the affairs of his township and actively interested in everything pertaining to its welfare. He has been connected with the School Board, and was appointed Postmaster under President Hayes in 1876, which office he held for ten years. He is a Republican in politics, and was connected with the Congregational and Methodist Episcopal Churches for about twenty years, but at the present time is not a member of any religious denomination.

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Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Death of Paul Edward Bassett of North Carolina

Paul Edward Bassett descends from 65B John Bassett of Bristol, England as follows:

John Bassett (b. 1770) and wife Jane Bailey
George Bassett (b. 1805) and wife Elizabeth Butler
George Bassett (b. 1828) and wife Eliza Ann Wells
Charles Bassett (b. 1859) and wife Sofia
Edwin Clarence Bassett (b. 1902) and wife Dorothy Menner
Paul Edward Bassett

Washington Daily News, North Carolina, Friday, 11 September 2026

Paul E. Bassett

June 28, 1937 – Sept. 5, 2026

Paul E Bassett, son of the late Edwin and Dorothy Bassettt, was born June 28, 1937, in Pittsburgh, PA., the first grandchild in a large matriarchal family. His late sister Beverly was born December, 1939, and his late brother Keith joined the family in 1947. Paul's grade school education was provided by dedicated nuns at St. Athanasius School. They tried hard, but his focus was on sports and having fun; he made the varsity baseball team at 13, not the honor roll. He played varsity football and wrestling until he was sidetracked in September 1953, when he and three other teammates found themselves hospitalized in Jonas Salk Hall of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center with polio. It was determined they were infected by the virus at football camp only weeks earlier. Fortunately, they all survived, but post polio syndrome returned with a vengeance later in Paul's life.

Paul always considered himself incredibly fortunate to be born in a time and place that supported the emerging dream of a boy with little money or family resources. It was a time when university education was affordable, allowing accomplished students the opportunity to select exciting jobs from among those offered by the best companies in this country. Ultimately he joined IBM where he had the privilege of working with some of the best and brightest people from all over the world for almost forty years. Paul graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1959 with a BS in Electrical Engineering. He joined IBM in their advanced development lab and began a Masters in E.E. at Syracuse University aided by IBM's graduate student support program. In 1962 he, his wife and four children returned to Pittsburgh to pursue a PhD in Electrical Engineering. Although offered teaching positions at the University of Notre Dame and Pitt, he accepted the offer from Bell Telephone Laboratories which was rich in opportunities.

Paul returned to IBM, to Kingston, N.Y., in 1968 where his family lived in Woodstock (1968!) until he transferred to IBM Manassas, VA. in a management position in Electronic Design Automation. IBM moved their business to Burlington, VT. in1978. There he managed a great group of software engineers pursuing very challenging electronic design automation problems. The teamwork was superior and their results were judged as far exceeding expectation. Paul retired from IBM with thirty-six plus years of service.

Whether training or running marathons, hiking the Green Mountains, or biking around Lake Champlain with Deb, he had a reverence for the natural world. Paul was a quiet supporter of Doctors Without Borders, The Smile Train, small businesses owned by women in Africa, to name just a few. He lived his life with quiet, humble, unwavering compassion. He died September 5, 2026.

Paul was predeceased by his parents, the mother of his children, Marlene, his brother
Keith, his sister Beverly and son Stephen. He is survived by his wife, Deborah; daughter Elizabeth (John) Ryan, their children Kyle and Cailyn (Joe) McMullen; son Timothy and his children Austin and Alexa; son Jeff and his daughters Lauren and Emma; Deborah's children Kate, and son Charles (Jessica), and grandson Ethan Holmes; sister-in-law Sally Bassett; brother-in-law Frank Hofmeister; nieces, nephews, cousin Neal Cready, and dear friend Omar Saiyid.

Paul was a man of great heart, mind, and soul. We are grateful for his life and for his guiding spirit which remains with us. To those of us to whom he was very near, dear, and loved, we shall miss him, we shall miss him very much.

Paul Funeral Home and Crematory of Washington is serving the Bassett family.

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.

We sent out a kit to a Bassett family with roots in Prussia according to the 1900 census. I am very interested in seeing the results of this test.

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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