

## Splinters From the Tree – May 2014

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### Section 1 - Welcome

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

418B. Bass/Bassett of Kiev, Ukraine and New Haven, Connecticut (91 individuals)

I will be doing another Bassett DNA talk on Tuesday, June 10th, 2014 at the McHenry Public Library in McHenry, Illinois.

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### Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Ernest Bassett Coal Co. of Kokomo, Indiana

Ernest Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth  
William Bassett (b. 1624) and wife Mary Rainsford  
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  
Ernest Bassett (b. 1883) and wife Grace Lee Bass

The following pictures were provided by Richard Bassett of Wabash County, Indiana (grandson of Ernest Bassett)



Ollie Bassett (cousin of Ernest Bassett) working in the Coal Yard office



Ernest Bassett Coal Co. Office located in Kokomo, Indiana

January 1965

Kokomo Morning Times, Saturday, 23

Dies

Ernest Bassett, Former Coal Co. Owner,

Ernest Bassett, 82, 1715 W. Sycamore St., owner of the former Ernest Bassett Coal Co., died early Friday morning after an extended illness.

Born Jan. 20, 1883, in Shelby County, he was the son of Marshall and Nora (Israel) Bassett.

He attended school in Shelby County and had also taught school there.

Coming to Kokomo in 1924, he worked for the W.O. Bassett Fuel Co. for several years then started the Ernest Bassett Coal Co., which he operated for 25 years. The company was located on South Home Avenue near the Delco Radio Division.

On Feb. 15, 1905, in Shelbyville he was married to Grace Bass, who survives. The couple would have observed their 60th wedding anniversary in February.

A member of St. Luke's EUB Church, he had served the church as Sunday School superintendent and had taught a Sunday School class for 30 years. The class was later named in his honor. He had also served in several other capacities at the church.

He was a member of Howard Lodge No. 93 F and AM and the Scottish Rite of Indianapolis.

Surviving with the widow are two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Helen) Cosand and Mrs. Robert (Mary Ellen) Cooley, both of Kokomo; three sons, William of Shelbyville; Harold of Wabash, and Ralph of Marion; one brother W.O. Bassett, Phoenix, Ariz; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Jacobs Funeral Home with the Rev. Ivan R. Woods assisted by the Rev. DeWayne Bontrager officiating. Burial will be in Crown Point Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 9 a.m. Sunday.

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### Section 3 - Featured Bassett: William John Bassett of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

The following William John Bassett has not yet been identified.

The Winnipeg Evening Tribune, December 3, 1943  
Military Funeral For W.J. Bassett

Military honors were accorded W.J. Bassett who died in St. Boniface hospital Friday and was buried in Brookside cemetery, Monday. Major the Rev. C.C. Carruthers officiated at the funeral ceremony.

Born in Salford, Manchester, England, in 1893, Mr. Bassett came to Winnipeg in 1911 and took up residence in Stonewall. At the outbreak of the First Great War he went overseas with the 19<sup>th</sup> Battery, Canadian Field Artillery and served in France for four years.

On his return to Winnipeg, he took the job as club steward for the Army and Navy Veterans, Winnipeg unit, which post he held till his death.

He is survived by his wife and two children, William Allan and Beryl Aileen, all living in Winnipeg.

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### Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Charles Bassett of Lorain County, Ohio

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

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth  
Joseph Bassett (b. 1635) and wife Mary Lapham  
William Bassett (b. 1667) and wife Sarah Sweetland  
Joseph Bassett (b. 1696) and wife Elizabeth Ames  
Joseph Bassett (b. 1731) and wife Phebe Cushman  
Nathan Bassett (b. 1763) and wife Sarah Standish  
Thomas Bassett (b. 1794) and wife Nancy Weeks  
Charles Bassett (b. 1838) and wife Caroline Maxson



Charles Bassett of Lorain County, Ohio (1838-1895)

History of DeKalb County, Indiana  
Inter-State Publishing Company,  
Chicago, 1885

Charles Bassett, of the firm Bassett & Maxson, jewelers, Waterloo, Ind., was born in Brownhelm, Lorain Co., Ohio, Jan. 8, 1838, a son of Thomas and Nancy Bassett. While yet a child his parents died, and he was thus left to battle with the world for himself. When eight years of age he went to Erie County, Ohio, and remained four years; then went to Union City, Mich., and from there to Coldwater, where he began to learn the jeweler's trade, serving an apprenticeship with C.H. Thompson, remaining four years. In 1859 he came to Waterloo and in company with J.F. Maxson, established their present business. They have had a steadily increasing trade, and rank among the most prominent and substantial business men of Waterloo. Mr. Bassett was married in Jackson, Mich., Jan. 1, 1859, to Caroline Maxson, a sister of his partner. They have four children --- Carrie, wife of Amos B. Walworth; Charles Lewis, Bessie and William. In politics Mr. Bassett adheres to the Republican party. He has held several local offices of trust in the township. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, lodge, chapter and council, and has been treasurer of Waterloo City Lodge, No. 307, twenty years. He and his wife are members of the Christian church.

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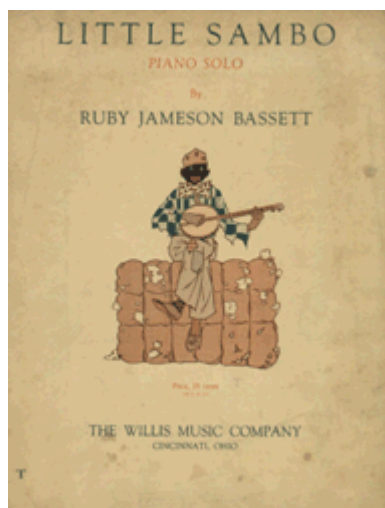
[Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Ruby Jameson Bassett Piano compositions](#)

Ruby Jameson married Charles W. Bassett of Indiana.

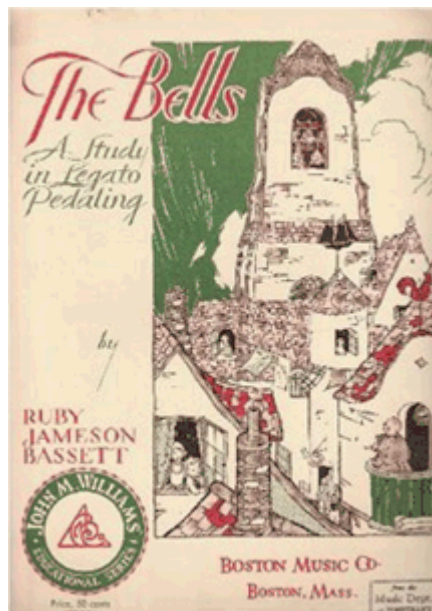
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Rufus Bassett (b. 1757) and wife Jedidah Handy  
Nymphas Bassett (b. 1785) and wife Thankful Ann Bruce  
Jeremiah D. Bassett (b. 1818) and wife Mary Emily Young  
Charles E. Bassett (b. 1865) and wife Dora T. Shoemaker  
Charles W. Bassett (b. 1895) and wife Ruby Jameson (b. 1893)

The following items were recently for sale on ebay.



1932 Sheet music by Ruby Jameson Bassett



Piano composition by Ruby Jameson Bassett

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Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Bassett & Reeves Sportsmen's Supplies

John Ernest Bassett descends from #3B Thomas Bassett of Connecticut as follows:

Thomas Bassett (b. 1598) and Joanna Beardsley  
Thomas Bassett and wife Sarah Baldwin  
Josiah Bassett (b. 1690) and wife Alice Canfield  
Samuel Bassett (b. 1723) and wife Susannah Morris  
David Bassett (b. 1754) and wife Sarah Oviatt  
David Bassett (b. 1782) and wife Mary Rhoades  
Philo Lewis Bassett (b. 1821) and wife Catherine Hubbell  
John Ernest Bassett (b. 1863)

John E. Bassett married Lillia Clarissa Reeves



Bassett & Reeves advertising on an old envelope from New Haven, Connecticut

New Haven Register, May 2, 1891  
An Almshouse Burned Down  
Narrow Escape of Paupers in Huntington  
A Heavy Loss for Philo Bassett

ANSONIA, Conn., May 2. - The house of Philo Bassett in Huntington, which is also the town almshouse, was burned to the ground yesterday afternoon. Mr. Bassett and his wife were away at the time, having gone to Bridgeport to attend the wedding of their son, Edward. Flames were discovered by a neighbor, who gave the alarm, and with other neighbors got out the inmates. Three women, one who was helpless, had a narrow escape, as flames had entered their room in advance of the rescuers. Part of the furniture was saved. The loss is probably \$2,000. Mr. Bassett had no insurance. He returned after the destruction was complete and his wife was prostrated over the loss. Mr. Bassett is left in an almost destitute state and is 70 years of age. The

paupers were distributed among the neighbors last night. The fire originated from a defective chimney.

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### Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Summerfield Bassett

Summerfield 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. 1667) and wife Mary Huckins  
Samuel Bassett (b. 1693) and wife Martha Pease  
Cornelius Bassett (b. 1722) and wife Lydia Norton  
Ebenezer Bassett (b. 1751) and wife Abigail Adams  
Elishab Adams Bassett (b. 1785) and wife Esther Bouton  
Peter Norton Bassett (b. 1812) and wife Arluna Samuels  
Summerfield Bassett (b. 1855)

San Francisco Call, Volume 87, Number 132, April 11, 1902  
Engineer Bassett Loses His Agostina  
Pretty Guatemalan Girl Will Be Sent  
Home To Her Mother in Guatemala

Agostina Morales, the 16-year-old Guatemalan girl who was brought to this country a few months ago by Summerfield Bassett will be sent on the next steamer home to her mother, who sold her to Bassett for \$100 and a silk dress, if his story is believed.

The girl is at present confined in the Presbyterian Chinese Home Mission by order of the Commissioner of Immigration at Washington. The local immigration authorities a few days ago gave Bassett permission to interview Miss Morales at the home in the presence of Inspector De la Torre. Bassett pleaded with the girl to marry him, but she refused.



Photo of Summerfield Bassett taken in Guatemala  
Picture provided by descendant Cheryl Casciani

Denver Post, July 14, 1908  
Bullet In Brain Cure For Lingering Disease  
Summerfield Bassett Bids Beautiful Wife Goodby  
And a Moment Later Ends Years of Suffering

Rather than endure the sufferings of a wasting disease, Summerfield Bassett, at one time a well-known mechanical engineer, committed suicide shortly after 11 o'clock last night. The report of the revolver was heard by his wife, Fernando Bassett, who rushed to his room. Before she could reach him, life was extinct.

Several times Bassett threatened to end his life, but his wife always coaxed him out of the mood.

Last night he again made the threat. Again his wife told him he would some day be cured of consumption, with which he has suffered for years, and to cheer up.

After supper last night Bassett went to his bedroom, called his wife, and said: "Dear, I am through with it all. I have nothing else to live for and I am going to kill myself before morning."

His wife tried to make him forget his illness and cheer up, but all was useless. Mrs. Bassett had left the room but a few minutes when Bassett, placing the muzzle of the revolver against his temple, pulled the trigger. Death was instantaneous.

His body was removed to the morgue by Coroner's Deputy Gustave Hanson. Detective Green investigated the death.

For some time Bassett's mind has been wandering. Last Friday over some trivial matter, and seizing a revolver from the bureau fired two shots at her. Neither took effect. His wife begged his forgiveness, which was granted. Last night when asked about the incident she said: "My God, please do not remind me of that night. My husband is dead now and I will not allow anyone to speak ill of him. He was not in his right mind when he tried to kill me. Had he injured me so badly that I would die I would still forgive him."

Several weeks ago Bassett telephoned William D. Peirce of the Cemetery association. He instructed Peirce to cremate him the day after his death.

"I am going to die within a short while," said Bassett, "and I want to be burned up. I will cover all expenses."

Bassett was a Socialist. He met and married the daughter of a wealthy Spanish merchant in Central America about seven years ago. He was 54 years old and she but 21. They came to this country shortly after their marriage. They lived in El Paso for some time, where Bassett was employed by several railroads in the capacity of master mechanic. They then came to Denver.

Besides his wife Bassett leaves a wealthy brother, Adams Bassett, of 817 Twenty-first street, a banker in Los Angeles.

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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.

- 418B. Antoine Bessette of Wellsboro, New York combined into the #14B Jean Besset Family
- 481B. Lewis Bassett of Sheldon, Vermont combined into the #14B Jean Besset Family

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



418B. Bass/Bassett family of Kiev, Ukraine and New Haven, Connecticut  
481B. Percy L. Bassett of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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[Section 9 - DNA project update.](#)

One new kit was ordered this month. No new results are back to report on.

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:

<http://www.bassettbranches.org/dna/>

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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