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[Section 1 - Welcome](#)

Family Tree DNA is holding a short sale to celebrate National DNA day. See Section #9 for details.

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

- 58B. Frederick Bassett of MA and Saranac Lake, NY (19 individuals)
- 398B. Thomas Ascot Bassett of Australia (65 individuals)
- 514B. Bassetts of Chudleigh, Devonshire, England (186 individuals)
- 515B. John Thomas Alexander Bassett of Australia (73 individuals)
- 516B. Fannie Bassette of Madison County, Kentucky (20 individuals)



I received the above plaque from Family Tree DNA this month in the mail.

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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Sarah Bassett, Boston Marathon Finisher

Sarah Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett of Plymouth 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 Sonora J. Israel  
Ernest Bassett (b. 1883) and wife Grace Lee Bass  
Ralph J. Bassett (b. 1912) and wife Elizabeth Almata Brickley  
Roger Wayne Bassett  
Jeffrey Neil Bassett (newsletter author)  
Sarah J. Bassett



Congratulations to Sarah Bassett who qualified for and completed the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016!

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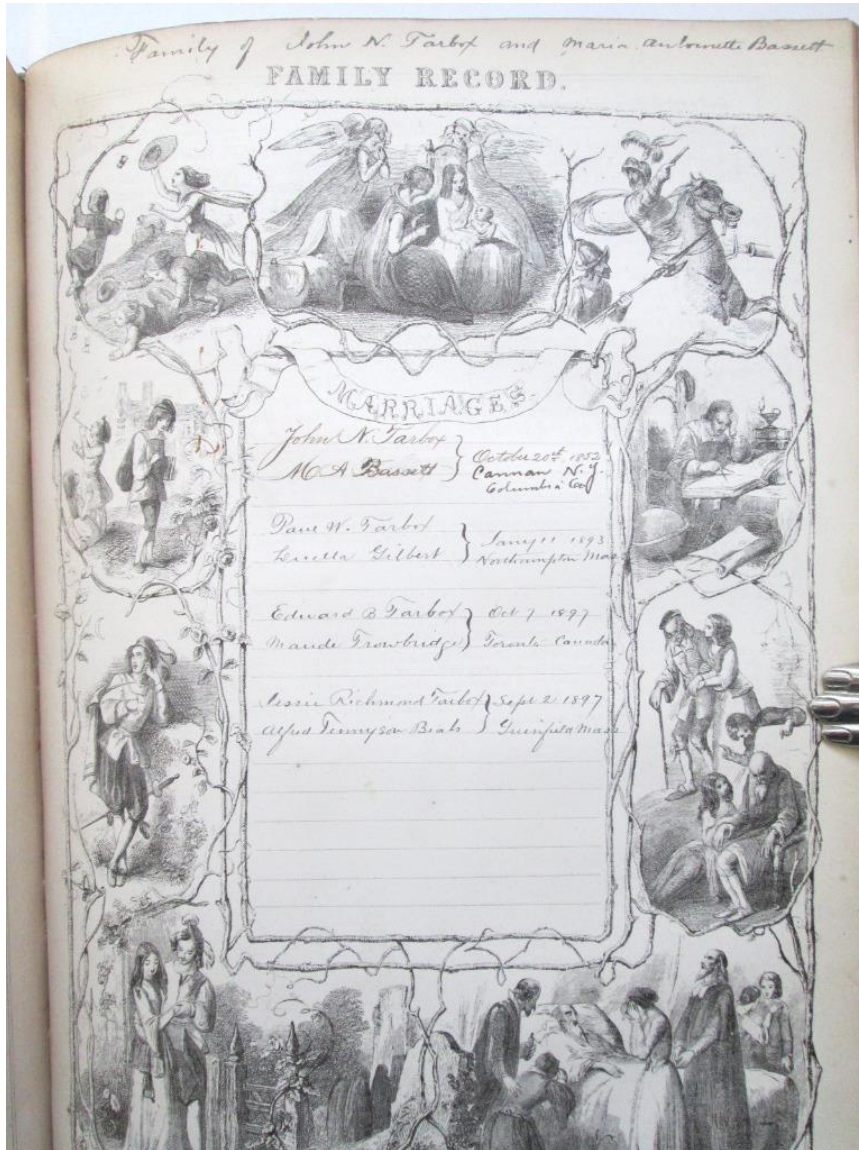
Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Tarbox-Bassett Family Bible

Marie Antoinette Bassett descends from #420B. Elisha H. Bassett as follows:

Elisha H. Bassett and wife Lucina Richmond

Marie Antoinette Bassett and husband John Nathaniel Tarbox

Several of their children were early photographers.



Tarbox-Bassett Family Bible for sale on e-bay last week

John Nathaniel Tarbox was an inventor and manufacturer of sewing machines.

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#### Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Nelson Bassett, Runaway

Nelson Bassett descends from #14B Jean Besset of Quebec as follows:

Jean Besset and wife Anne Seigneru  
Francois Besset (b. 1685) and wife Marie Claude Dubois  
Clement Besset (b. 1718) and wife Marie Charlotte Lamoureux  
Jean Francis Besset (b. 1755) and wife Marie Charlotte Desroches  
Alexis Bessette (b. 1790) and wife Catherine Patenaude  
Moise Bassett (b. 1832) and wife Marie Patricia Wood  
Frederick A. Bassett (b. 1862) and wife Mary Louise Durand  
Nelson Bassett (b. 1891)

Watertown Daily News, New York, Saturday, January 20, 1906

Boy Had A Cold Ride

Feet and Hands Frozen While "Beating" Way on a Freight

Nelson Bassett, and Ogdensburg Lad Who Ran Away from Father Baker's  
School at Buffalo, Arrives in Watertown

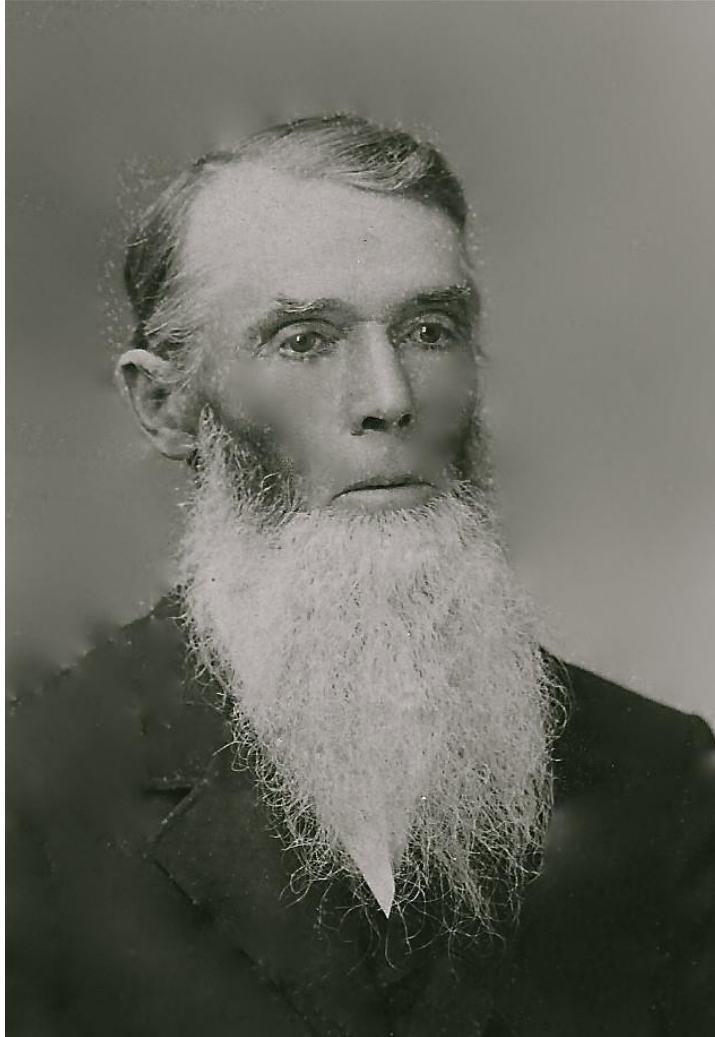
Yesterday morning Chief of Police Baxter's attention was called to the fact that a 14-year-old boy had come into the railroad yards on a freight car and was nearly frozen. The boy was found to be Nelson Bassett, whose parents live at 64 Lake street, Ogdensburg. Bassett was sent to the school of Rev. Father Baker, Buffalo, N.Y., some time ago, but recently ran away, working his way from Buffalo to Watertown on "freights." Bassett's feet were badly swollen and his hands were frost-bitten. Chief Baxter sent word to the authorities of the school that he would hold Bassett until they sent for him.

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#### Section 5 - Featured Bassett: John Ray Bassett, Judge

John Ray Bassett descends from #8B John Bassett of New Jersey as follows:

John Bassett of New Jersey  
John Bassett and wife Sabrina Ray  
Isaac Bassett (b. 1790) and wife Frances Asbury Hall  
John Ray Bassett (b. 1821) and wife Cynthia Ann Strickett



John Ray Bassett from ancestry.com

Rock Island Argus, September 29, 1913

Relatives in this city have received the sad news of the death of Judge John R. Bassett which occurred at his home in Burlingame, Kansas, last Friday at the advanced age of 92 years. Judge Bassett was a brother of Judge I.N. Bassett and Mrs. Frances Rice and Mrs. Mary Mills of this city, and was for many years a highly respected and influential citizen of Aledo. Judge Bassett was born in Lewis county, Kentucky, August 2, 1821. He began the practice of law in 1852 and moved to Illinois in 1857, where he practiced law in Aledo until 1869, when he purchased a large stock farm and spent a few years on the farm.

He was elected judge of Mercer county in 1865 and served four years. In 1873 he was reelected and served until 1878, making nine years in all. In all that time while there were many cases appealed he never had a case reversed. He was also master in chancery for three more years. Judge Bassett was married to Miss Cynthia Strickett, Dec.

21, 1856, who with their seven children to mourn the loss of a kind and loving husband and father. The children are William and Frank Bassett, and Mrs. H.C. Green of Topeka, Kansas, Lewis and Arthur Bassett of Burlingame, Kansas, Clay Bassett of Kansas City, Kansas and Mrs. A.M. Stahl of Turlock, California.

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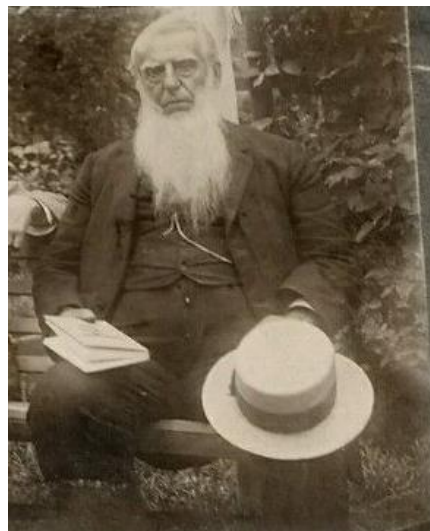
Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Naturalist Homer Franklin Bassett

Homer Franklin Bassett descends from #6B William Bassett of Connecticut as follows:

William Bassett and wife Hannah (Dickerman) Ives  
John Bassett (b. 1652) and Mercy Todd  
Joseph Bassett (b. 1697) and wife Miriam Bradley  
Abel Bassett (b. 1728) and wife Miriam  
Lemuel Bassett and wife Patience Walter  
Ezra Bassett (b. 1774) and wife Sarah Blodgett  
Ezra Bassett (b. 1799) and wife Keziah Witt  
Homer Franklin Bassett (b. 1826)

Cleveland Plain Dealer, July 2, 1902  
Homer F. Bassett Dead  
Well Known Entomologist and Former Resident of Rockport  
Special to the Plain Dealer

WATERBURY, Ct., July 1 - Homer F. Bassett, a former citizen of Rockport, O., died here today, aged seventy-six years. He was educator at Berea and Oberlin college, settling in Rockport on a farm. His winters were spent in teaching in Ohio and his summers upon his Rockport farm. He was a noted entomologist and author of several standard works on this branch of science.



Homer Franklin Bassett, picture for sale on ebay

The National Cyclopaedia of American Biography

Bassett, Homer Franklin, librarian, was born at Florida, Berkshire co., Mass., Sept. 2, 1826, son of Ezra and Keziah (Witt) Bassett. When he was ten years old he removed with his parents to Ohio and settled on a farm in Rockport. He worked on the farm until he was twenty years old, enjoying limited school advantages, although by working to pay his expenses while at school he spent a few terms at the Berea Seminary. Later he was a student in the College Preparatory School at Oberlin for nearly a year. Overwork, however, obliged him not only to leave the school a few weeks before the end of the year, but forced him to give up his long cherished plan of taking a college course. In 1849, when leaving Oberlin, he managed to exchange some recently purchased college text-books for a copy of "Wood's Botany". This simple act proved to be a turning point in his life. The book opened to him a new world, and the study of botany and kindred branches of natural history from that time occupied the leisure hours of a busy life. His health remaining poor, he spent the next summer in western Massachusetts, and in the fall visited relatives in Connecticut. Here he was urged to teach the winter school in a small district in the town of Wolcott. This was the beginning of his work as a teacher. He spent sixteen years in the schoolroom, the last eight in a large private school in Waterbury, Conn. About 1862 he began the study of insect life, confining himself almost entirely to the gall-producing insects of the Hymenoptera and Cynipidae. He discovered and described a large number of species, and learned several interesting and important facts regarding their habits. When the Silas Bronson Library was founded in 1870 he applied for the position of librarian. Mr. W.I. Fletcher was appointed, however, as having a prior claim, but when he resigned in August, 1872, Mr. Bassett was asked to take his place. He found in the Bronson library in 1872, about 13,000 volumes. These he rearranged, catalogued, and classified to the gratification of the board of regents and the public, and instituted many reforms in the conduct of the routine management. The original building in which the books were kept being much too small, a new library building was erected and occupied in 1894. During his service as librarian, the number of volumes increased to nearly 100,000. Yale University graduated him M.A. in 1894. Mr. Bassett was married three times: (1) May 1, 1848, to Sarah A. Tomlinson; (2) Apr. 8, 1855, to Lovina Alcott; (3) July 17, 1884, to Margaret D. Judd. He was the father of two daughters, Antoinette Alcott and Helen Margaret Bassett. He died in Waterbury, Conn., June 28, 1902.

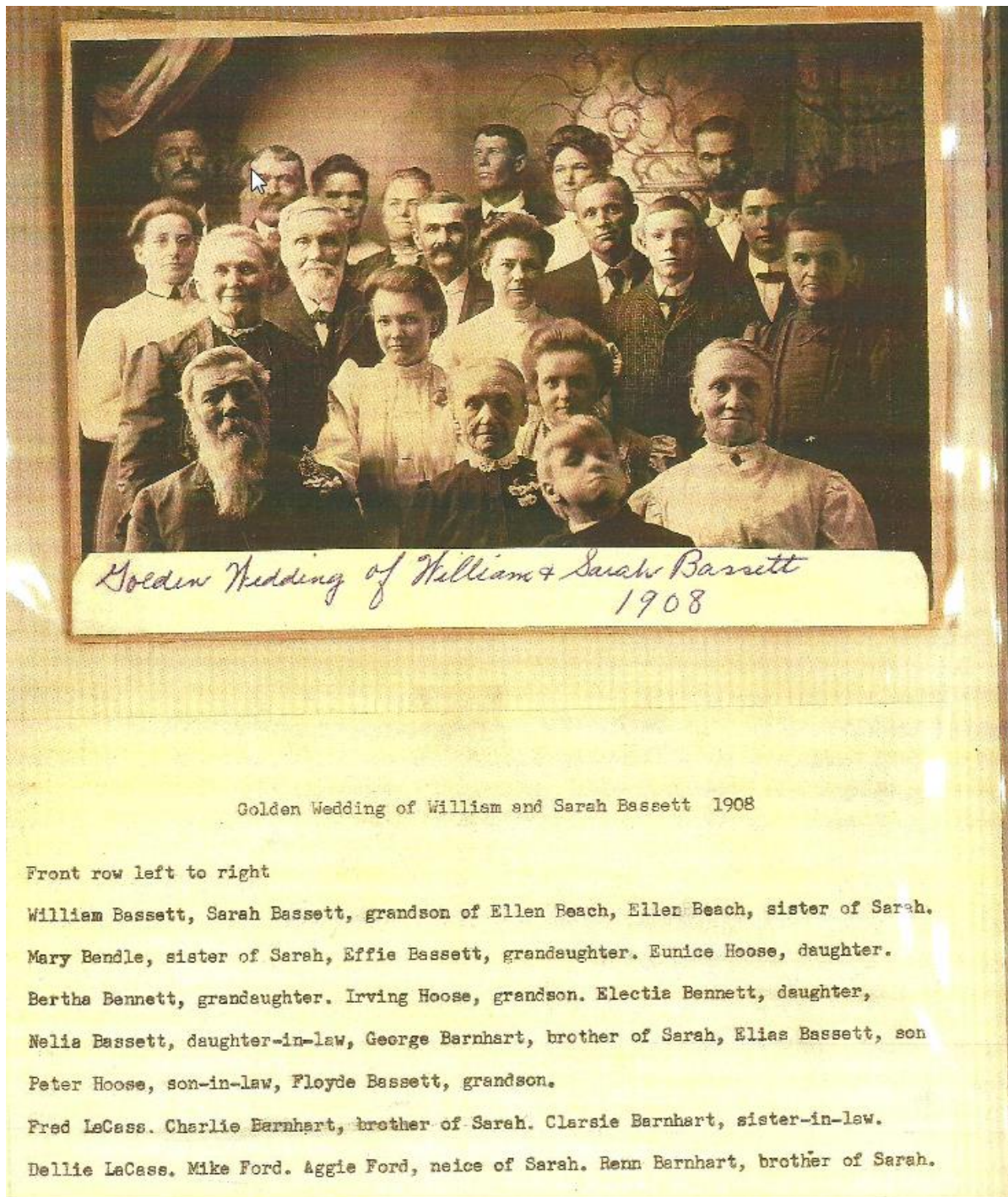
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[Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Golden Wedding Picture of William Elias and Sarah \(Barnhart\) Bassett](#)

William Elias Bassett descends from #183 Alfred Bassett as follows:

Alfred Bassett and wife Phoebe Petters

William Elias Bassett (b. 1833) and wife Sarah Sithera Barnhart



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

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

398B. Thomas Ascot Bassett of Australia

515B. John Thomas Bassett of Corowa, New South Wales, Australia



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Section 9 - DNA project update.

Results for kit #478949. This is for family #514B Bassett of Chudleigh, Devonshire, England. They do not match any other Bassetts in the database as of now.

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Results for kit #469006. This is for a descendant of William Bassett through son William.

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Family Tree DNA National DNA promotional prices.

Y37 (37 marker y-chromosome test)     \$129

Y67 (67 marker y-chromosome test)     \$199

Family Finder Test                         \$79

(Note Family finder test will show close family matches but will not show y-chromosome matches).

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.familyreedna.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.familyreedna.com/public/Bassett/>

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