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[Section 1 - Welcome](#)

No new trees were added to the database this month.

I want to thank John Bassett for his generous donation to the Bassett DNA project this past month. We now have funds for several new DNA tests.

I gave a Bassett DNA talk in Shelby County, Indiana this month and met several 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> cousins that came to the presentation.

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 144,072



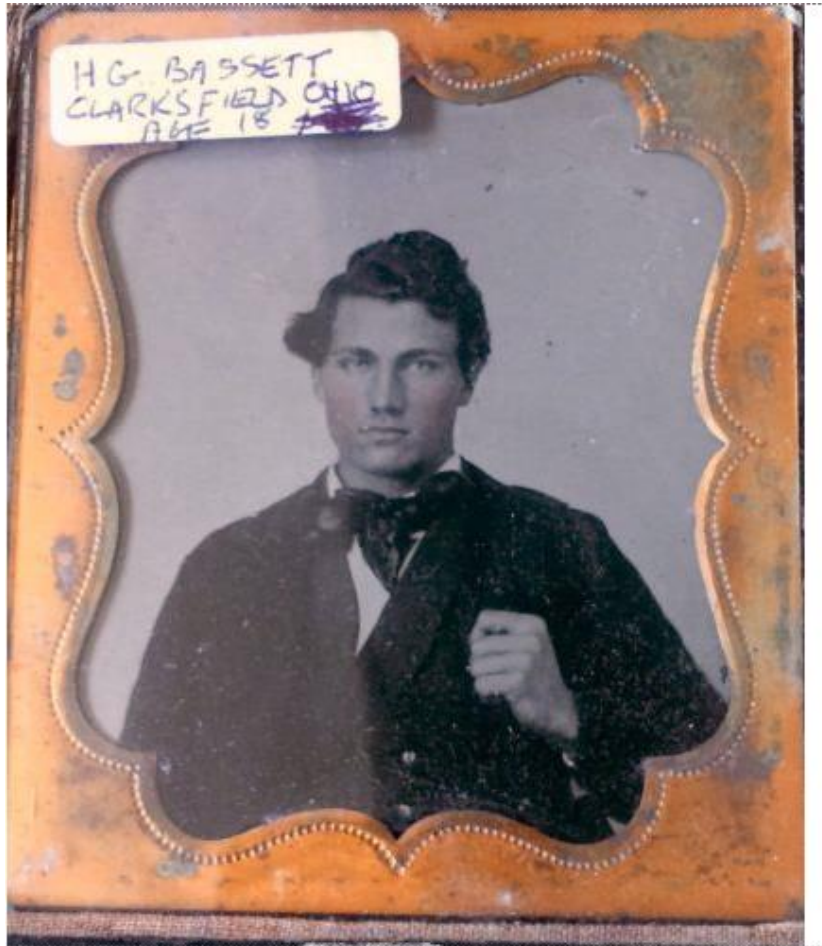
Patch found for sale on ebay.

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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Ambrotype of H. G. Bassett of Clarksfield, Ohio

I believe this to be Henry Bassett, son of #87B William Bassett of Clarksfield, Ohio

William Bassett (b. 1896 in England) and wife Jane Pelham  
Henry Bassett (b. 1840)



Ambrotype identified as H.G. Bassett of Clarksfield, Ohio currently for sale on ebay

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Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Charles Edward Bassett, Brooklyn Criminal

Charles Edward Bassett descends from #14B Jean Besset as follows:  
Jean Besset (b.1642) and wife Anne Seigneur  
Francois Besset (b. 1685) and wife Marie Claude Dubois  
Clement Claud Besset (b. 1728) and wife Marie Charlotte Lamoureux  
Jean Francois Besset (b. 1755) and wife Marie Charlotte Desroches  
Augustin Besset (b. 1792) and wife Marie Poitevin  
Augustin Bessette and wife Angelique Charbonneau  
Joseph Augustin Bessette (b. 1845) and wife Louise Dubeau  
Charles Edward Bassett (b. 1886)

Springfield Republican, Thursday, December 21, 1905  
Bassett Guilty of Murder  
Caused the Death of an Aged Waterbury Recluse Whom He Robbed

Charles Edward Bassett at Waterbury, Ct., last night was convicted of murdering Thomas Lockwood, the aged Waterbury recluse, as the result of an assault committed February 22 last. A stay of sentence was granted until Friday morning. Bassett is one of three men charged with the crime, the others being Edward Leonard and Joseph Cenesky, whose evidence for the state went far toward convicting Bassett. The jury in the case was out five hours and 20 minutes. Bassett, who is but 19 years old, with Leonard and Cenesky, first plotted to rob Lockwood in a dive in Brooklyn, N.Y., the scheme being hatched over a year ago. The three men went to Lockwood, who was supposed to have had a large sum of money in a trunk in his house in the outskirts of the city, and engaged his attention in exploiting a trolley road, claiming that they were securing signatures for a petition for the line. Lockwood became enthusiastic over the plans of the supposed trolley representatives, and as he was signing the petition Bassett knocked him nearly unconscious with a blow on the head with his revolver. Lockwood fought, but was soon overpowered and left unconscious on the floor of his kitchen. The men then robbed the house, but found nothing but a cheap watch.

Lockwood died April 11, and the three men were arrested at different times some months later. Bassett was serving a term in the Auburn (N.Y.) prison for robbery, when he was charged with being one of the murderers of Lockwood, and was extradited to face the charge of murder in the first degree in Connecticut. What disposition will be made in the cases of Leonard and Cenesky is not known. Bassett said after the verdict was announced that he "Would rather be hung than get a life sentence." which is the penalty for murder in the second degree in Connecticut. Bassett was born in Bedford, Dan., in 1886, and his father, mother and sisters, live at 698 Sackett street, Brooklyn, N.Y.



Bassett's "likeness" in the Brooklyn  
Rogue's Gallery (Bklyn Daily Eagle, Fri., 27  
October 1905).

Milwaukee Journal, Wisconsin, Sunday, December 23, 1923  
Ignorant Youth Is Genius After 18 Years in Prison

Hartford, Conn. - Charles Bassett, an East side youth entirely lacking in education, entered the Connecticut state prison at Wethersfield 18 years ago to begin serving a life term for murder.

Now, although still a prisoner, Bassett is a competent civil engineer, knows law, writes fluently and well, is a skilled architectural draftsman and a mathematical genius. Relatives in New York keep him supplied with books and a job awaits him with a large engineering firm.

The state prison board has just rejected Bassett's application for a pardon for the sixth time, but the prisoner is still hopeful, however, that within a few years he will be liberated.

Bassett's most remarkable feat within the stone walls was the discovery of a slight error in calculus in a technical book on engineering written by Prof. Babbitt of the University of Pennsylvania. More than 20,000 of these books had been distributed before Bassett discovered and reported to the author this error. Prof. Babbitt, in a letter of acknowledgement, said he had corrected the mistake in the next edition.

Bassett is employed in drawing plans for construction work about the prison and prison grounds. The warden said the prisoner can work out amazingly intricate problems in mathematics in his head without resort to paper. He also studied law for several years, but did not begin to hit his stride until he took up engineering the warden said.

Bassett entered prison Dec. 22, 1905, when he was 18. He and two companions had held up a man in Waterbury. Bassett hit the victim over the head with a revolver and he died two weeks later. The three bandits were arrested and convicted. One of them died in prison and the second was pardoned a few years ago.

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Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Samuel Taylor Stout Bassett Family Photograph

Robert Boyd Bassett descends from #8B John Bassett as follows:

John Bassett

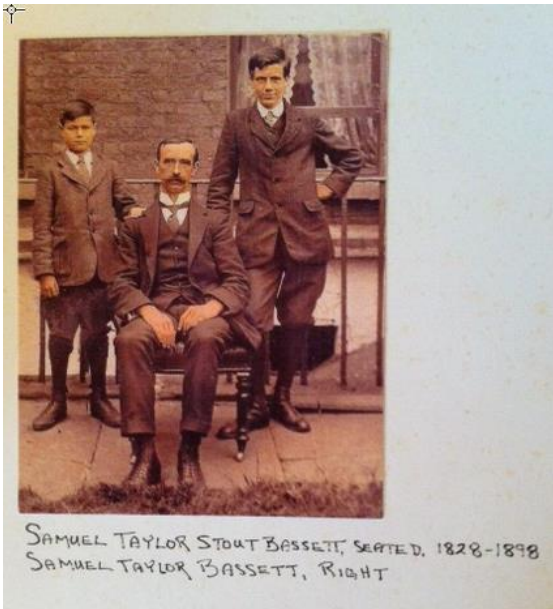
Amos Bassett (b. 1760) and wife Susan Stout

David Bassett (b. 1790) and wife Jane Ann Wilson

Samuel Taylor Stout Bassett (b. 1827) and wife Caroline Depuy Arding

Samuel Taylor Bassett (b. 1872) and wife Martha Boyd

Robert Boyd Bassett (b. 1905)



Pictures provided by Jeni Bassett Leemis



Robert Boyd Bassett

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#### Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Obituary for Alexander Bassett of Llandaff, Wales

Alexander Bassett descends from #292 Sir Elias Basset of St. Hilary, Wales as follows:

Sir Elias Basset (b. 1320) and wife Margaret

John Basset (b. 1350) and wife Joan

Thomas Basset (b. 1380) and wife Alice Marcross

John Basset (b. 1410) and wife Gwenllian

Jenkin Basset (b. 1445) and wife Jennet Morgan

Marry Basset (b. 1480) and wife Jennet

Richard Basset (b. 1515)

William Basset (b. 1545)

John Bassett (b. 1575)

Richard Bassett (b. 1600)

Elias Bassett (b. 1627) and wife Margaret Richards

Charles Bassett (b. 1660) and wife Margaret Williams

Richard Bassett (b. 1696) and wife Joan Thomas

Charles Bassett (b. 1734) and wife Cecil Morgan

Alexander Bassett

Alexander Bassett (b. 1824, died 1887)

Daily Mail, 16 April 1887

Death of Mr. Alexander Bassett, Llandaff

Much surprise was caused on Saturday at the office of Messrs. Bassett, Bassett, and Lee, civil and mining engineers, Church-street, Cardiff, on receipt of a telegram announcing the death of Mr. Alexander Bassett, of Baynton House, Llandaff, the senior partner of the firm, which event took place at Mauradean Park, Bournemouth, on Friday night. Deceased had for a long time been suffering from bronchial affections, and had resided at Bournemouth for over twelve months, but still continued to direct the professional engagements of the firm, and on Saturday morning a post-card was received from him at the Cardiff office giving some instructions to be



carried out. Mrs. Bassett and other members of the family were with him, but no one seemed to anticipate that his end was so near. Mr. Bassett began his professional career at Cardiff by entering into partnership with Mr. E.S. Barker, civil and mining engineer, and who at that time was also county surveyor. On Mr. Barker's death Mr. Bassett succeeded him, and soon afterwards he held one of the most extensive professional pursuits as civil and mining engineer in the county, in which capacity he was connected with the largest mineral proprietors in Glamorganshire, Monmouthshire, and the Bristol district, and which positions he continued to hold up to the time of his death. He first suggested the advantages of a dock just outside Newport, and, with Mr. Abernethy, planned and carried out the Alexandra Dock, Mr. J.A.B. Williams, the present water engineer for the Cardiff Corporation, being the resident engineer and superintending the work as it proceeded. He was the engineer for the Cowbridge Railway Company, and planned and laid down that line of railway from Llantisant to Cowbridge. He held the office of county surveyor for Glamorganshire for over 30 years, and when he resigned that appointment in 1885 his son, Mr. A.B. Bassett, was appointed his successor. Owing to failing health, he, in the same year, took into partnership his son, who had assisted him for fifteen years, and also Mr. Mark Lee, who had been in his office for over 30 years, but he continued to direct the affairs of the firm to the last. Mr. Bassett was appointed a borough magistrate for Cardiff in 1868, but only occasionally occupied a seat on the bench at the police-court. In private life Mr. Bassett was almost beloved by all the residents of Llandaff, among whom he had lived for many years. He was an intimate friend of the late Bishop Ollivant, and the bishop often sought his advice. He was the first promoter of the coffee tavern movement at Cardiff on a large scale, as he projected the Cardiff Coffee Tavern Company in 1879, and acted as hon. treasury to the company for a long time. He was also the treasurer and one of the most active promoters of the fund for the erection of St. Catherine's Church, Canton. He was also widely known for his acts of private charity to the poor, and every year he invited the scholars of the Llandaff National School and the children of the Ely Industrial Schools to spend a day during the summer on his grounds, where every preparation was made for their comfort and amusement, and the announcement at Llandaff on Saturday of his death caused a general feeling of deep regret. Mr. Bassett leaves a wife, two sons, and a daughter. His eldest daughter, who some time since married the Rev. Mr. Ross, one of the minor canons of Llandaff Cathedral, died a few months ago.

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#### Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Picture of brothers Thomas Percy Bassett and Albert Leslie Bassett

These Bassett brothers descend from #180B William Basset of Hadlow, Kent as follows:

William Basset of Hadlow, Kent

William Basset (b. 1683) and wife Esther Sheath

John Basset (b. 1711) and wife Elizabeth Philpot

John Basset (b. 1744) and wife Elizabeth Bennet

James Bassett (b. 1770) and wife Mary Seager

George Bassett (b. 1808) and wife Sarah Knight

Charles Bassett (b. 1840) and wife Ann Parsons

Charles Bassett (b. 1861) and wife Adelaide Elizabeth Lock

Thomas Percy Bassett (b. 1899) and Albert Leslie Bassett (b. 1902)



Thomas Percy Bassett and Albert Leslie Bassett from Ancestry

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[Section 7 - Featured Bassett: John C. Bassett, Grocer of Michigan](#)

John Cassius 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. 1677) 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

John Bassett (b. 1763) and wife Cynthia Melissa Benjamin

John Cassius Bassett (b. 1830) and wife Eliza Nixon Rice

## Great Excitement.

Since The Fire!!

**D**IRECTLY Opposite the Ruins of my Old Establishment, in the Old Hardware store of A. Waterman, where I have collected the fragments of my old stock, and am also receiving any quantity of those

### CHEAP GROCERIES,

which must be sold—if not at—below my former very low prices, hoping by doing so, that I may merit a continuance of the patronage that I have received from the public generally, for which I shall ever feel indebted.

Below notice a list of articles I am in reception of—

at the new  
**Grocery Store.**  
JNO. C. BASSETT.

Coldwater Sentinel, Michigan, Friday, May 16, 1851

Kalamazoo Daily Telegraph, November 15, 1870  
Death of John C. Bassett

Another of our leading business men and prominent citizens has yielded to the "Reaper whose name is Death," and no more will be seen among us.

John C. Bassett, died at his residence on Burdick Street, yesterday afternoon at one o'clock and 40 minutes, in the 41<sup>st</sup> year of his age. His last illness, which was Typhoid fever, began some four weeks ago.

Mr. Bassett lived several years in Branch County, and came to Kalamazoo in 1845. He began in trade in one of the stores of the Davenport block, corner of Main and Edwards streets. His business career is known to all our citizens, and has been one of great success. In 1846 he formed a copartnership with the late Jas. A. Walter, which continued a number of years. Subsequently Mr. Charles R. Bates became associated with Mr. Bassett, and has remained a partner with him until the day of his death.

The health of Mr. Bassett has not been good for several years, and during the past 14 months he has suffered a great deal from ill health. It is but little more than a year since his wife died, and at that time Mr. Bassett was himself in a critical condition, and from that sickness he has never fully recovered.

Mr. Bassett has been prominent among the business men of Kalamazoo for many years and his loss at this time will be very apparent. Within the past year he has been more than usually active in matters of public improvement and local prosperity. He has always been devoted to the interests of Kalamazoo, and has contributed liberally to promote her progress. No man in this village was better known throughout Western Michigan, than Mr. Bassett. He had hosts of friends at home and abroad, and either as a business man here, or a companion on a fishing or hunting excursion, he was found to be all that could be desired. He was passionately fond of field sports, in which



he has of late years very often indulged.

Mr. Bassett leaves his little boy, five years old, in the hands of his sister who has had the care of him since Mrs. Bassett died. On Saturday he made his will and closed up all his business matters, and this was done with perfect clearness of mind and with as thorough a regard to details, as though he had been in good health. Soon afterwards, however, he became unconscious and remained so until death ensued.

The funeral will take place from the house on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The friends of the family are invited to attend.

**ALL THE WORLD SHOULD DEAL WITH  
JOHN C. BASSETT.**

**BRING OUT THE BIG GUN,**  
AND ANNOUNCE one of the most important and astounding arrivals ever recorded. A selection of about ONE HUNDRED TONS OF

**Choice Groceries,**

From almost every part of the world, have just been received at "That New and Cheap Grocery Store," and are being sold, wholesale and retail, seemingly regardless of prices. Direct from the sunny climes of Porto Rico, Havana and Orleans, over 40,000 pounds of SUGARS, which were bought at such surprising and astonishing low rates, that from fourteen to nineteen pounds of good Sugar can be sold for \$1. COFFEE, 3,000 lbs best P. Rico, Rio and Cape, from 9d to 12d. TEAS and TOBACCO in endless quantities and of the best qualities, at such unprecedented low prices, that you can but think it an inducement to purchase.

**Yankee Notions,**

Hats, Caps, Stone and Glass Ware, Nails, Glass and Putty, a large and perfect assortment, at prices that will defy competition. Also, over 1,000 different articles, which I have not time to enumerate, the whole comprising the largest stock and greatest variety of Groceries ever exhibited in all Kalamazoo. I can sell you from an ounce to a ton, quart or hog-head. They must be sold. There's no use of talking--if Groceries have gone down they must go down still lower. Again I solicit your attention to my stock and prices.

JOHN C. BASSETT.

November 25, 1851.

Kalamazoo Gazette, Friday, December 26, 1851

**COME ALL YE THAT ARE  
Heavy Laden with Cash!**

*Now is the time to get relieved!!*

**NEW GROCERY STORE.**

I would say to the people of Coldwater and vicinity that I have fitted up in the neatest possible manner the store of Dea. D. J. Galt--north side of Chicago street, two doors west of the Eagle Block: and have it piled full of

*Groceries, Fish, Fruits, Spices, Stoneware,  
&c., &c., &c.*

It is my intention to keep a perfect Grocery Store, to keep on hand at all times every article a person may want in the Grocery line.

The patronage of citizens of Coldwater and people of the surrounding country is respectfully solicited. JOHN C. BASSETT.

N. B. My stock was bought in the city (of Detroit, I mean) and will be sold as cheap as the cheapest, if not a little more so.

Coldwater, Sept. 13.

Coldwater Sentinel, Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1850

[Section 8 - New family lines combined or added since the last newsletter](#)

No family lines combined or added since the last newsletter.

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

We have a Family Finder (autosomal) DNA match between the #8B John Bassett line and the #19B Michael Bassett line. I hope to report on this in more detail next month.

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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