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Section 1 - Welcome

Many thanks to Karen Bassett Hendren who sent in a donation towards the Bassett DNA project. We use donations like this to pay for DNA kits for lines we do not yet have results from. Read more about recent DNA findings in the first article of the month. For information on how to donate to the Bassett DNA project, see section #9 of the newsletter.

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 178933

The three biggest surnames found in our database are:

Bassett (45.501)  
Bass (16.707)  
Bessette (6.558)



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## [Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Basset/Bassett/Bessette DNA matches](#)

We have DNA results back for a male descendant of the family below.

### FIRST GENERATION

#### 476B. Louis Basset of France

Louis Basset was born in 1707. He died in 1755. He married Pierrette Rochet. She was born about 1700. She died in 1768.

+ 476B1. Claude Francois Basset - born 1732, died 1774. He married (1) Marie Anne Reybard. He married (2) Rose Rougemont.

DNA results are back from a male Basset descendant of the Louis Basset family shown here. Descendants of this family moved to Canada. I have more data to enter on this family as we do more research. What is very interesting is that we show a low level match to both the #14B Jean Besset family from France that settled in Quebec in the 1600's, and the #53B Jean Jacques Louis Bassett family from France and later to Yorkshire, England, before settling in the United States. This means these three families shared a common ancestor back in France sometime before 1650!

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## [Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Captain James Bassett, War of 1812, identified](#)

Captain James 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. 1617) and wife Mary Huckins  
Samuel Bassett (b. 1693) and wife Martha Pease  
Cornelius Bassett (b. 1722) and wife Lydia Norton  
John Bassett (b. 1753) and wife Anne Hillman  
James Bassett (b. 1783) and wife Mary Worth

Some may remember I had found a War of 1812 Presentation Dirk for sale for Captain James Bassett. You can see the old article at the link below.

[James Bassett War of 1812 USS Enterprise Presentation Dirk | Bassett Family Association \(bassettbranches.org\)](#)

The Captain James Bassett House (circa 1785) is a simple center-chimney cape design so common on Cape Cod. The Bassett family came to the frontier after the end of the Revolutionary War from Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard and settled here on the shores of the Hudson. We restored the house in 1989.



To read more about the house, you can use the link below. Picture courtesy of the current owner.

[HOME | bbhonhudson \(letitiafineart.com\)](http://HOME | bbhonhudson (letitiafineart.com))

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#### Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Charles Wallace Bassett of Mattawan, Michigan

Charles Wallace 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 Huckens  
William Bassett (b. 1702) and wife Ann Mayhew  
Nathan Bassett (b. 1751) and wife Martha Bassett  
Nathan Bassett (b. 1785) and wife Rhoda Merry  
Isaac Chauncey Bassett (b. 1815) and wife Lucinda Boutwell  
Charles Wallace Bassett (b 1844)

History of Chicago: From the fire of 1871 until 1885  
By Alfred Theodore Andreas

C.W. Bassett was born at Three Rivers, Mich., in 1844. At the breaking out of the Rebellion, he entered the Army as hospital steward of the 25<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and served as such until the close of the War. he then became employed as a clerk in a general merchandise store in Mattawan, Mich., and two years afterward engaged in that business on his own account, which he continued up to 1877. He then went to Saguache, Colo., and established a general merchandise business, under the firm name of Peyton &

Bassett, which continued up to 1879, when Mr. Bassett sold out his interest, and went to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, as cashier of the Star Wagon Company, a position he held up to 1882, when he became a member of the firm of Charles Truax & Co. He married Mary A. Ayres, daughter of J.S. Ayres, M.D., of Kalamazoo, Mich.



C.W. Bassett Trading card recently purchased on ebay

To read more about Charles later in life, click on the link below.

[Charles Wallace Bassett of Chicago, Illinois | Bassett Family Association \(bassettbranches.org\)](http://bassettbranches.org)

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#### [Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Bassett & Echlin Trading Card](#)

Celadon Bassett descends from #4B William Bassett of Lynn as follows:

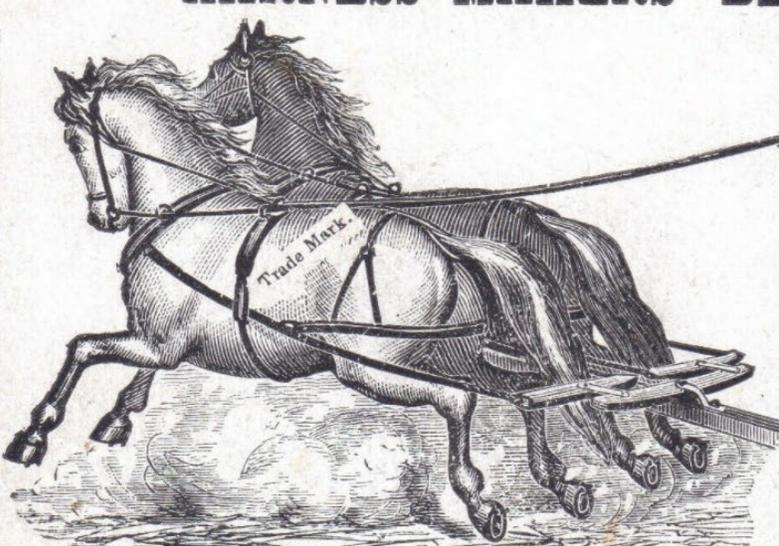
Robert Bassett and wife Ann Holland  
William Bassett (b. 1624) and wife Ann Burt  
William Bassett (b. 1647) and wife Sarah Hood  
John Bassett (b. 1682) and wife Abigail Berry  
Zephaniah Bassett and wife Mary  
Edward Bassett (b. 1742) and wife Huldah Cleverly  
Samuel Bassett (b. 1775) and wife Elizabeth Scott  
Samuel Bassett (b. 1804) and wife Julia Ann Burnap  
Celadon Bassett (b. 1833)

To read a previous article about this family, click on the link below.

[Bassett & Echlin Co. of Janesville, Wisconsin | Bassett Family Association \(bassettbranches.org\)](http://bassettbranches.org)

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Bassett & Echlin trading card recently for sale on ebay.

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[Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Douglas Everett Bassett, Antique Dealer](#)

Douglas Everett Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth 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 Hepsibah Eldridge  
 Eli E. Bassett (b. 1834) and wife Anna Young  
 Archeus Everett Bassett (b. 1858) and wife Clara Davis  
 Benjamin David Eldredge Bassett (b. 1887) and wife Elizabeth F.  
 Benjamin Everett Bassett (b. 1908) and wife Pearl Storness  
 Douglas Everett Bassett (b. 1942)

News Tribune, Tacoma, Washington, November 10, 2020  
 Douglas Bassett  
 August 17, 1942 - November 3, 2020

Tacoma, Washington - Douglas Everett Bassett passed away peacefully Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at the age of 78 after a three-year battle with cancer. Doug was born August 17, 1942, in Tacoma, son of Benjamin & Pearl Bassett. The youngest of 3 children, Doug joins his beloved sister, Diane and brother, Ben in heaven.

When he graduated high school, he met Sandra Lee Bassett—the love of his life. They were happily married for 58 years. Sandy says Doug is the nicest person she's ever met. We agree! They had a loving son, Doug Jr. Doug bravely served our country in the Navy aboard a destroyer tender in the Pacific during the Vietnam War. His understanding of the human condition made him a natural leader—and a beloved friend.

With a love of mystery and archaeology, Dad was an avid metal detector and was known to occasionally volunteer on a dig. Back from the war, he found a way to make a living from his treasure hunting passion: he started his own antique business—"The Time Machine", which paved the way for what is now known as Antique Row in downtown Tacoma.

Doug's eyes really twinkled when his grandsons, Ben and Andrew Bassett, were anywhere near. He loved and cared for them dearly.

Life isn't always easy, but Doug's warm, always-on sense of humor made the best of any situation—even darker times found themselves magically brightened by his smile, sarcasm and effortless wit. He made life fun.

He lived a beautiful life, and left a lasting legacy. Doug is survived by his wife Sandy, son Doug Jr, daughter-in-law Melanie, and grandchildren Ben and Andrew Bassett.

"Thank you for all that you've given us, Dad. Your magic lives on forever in our memories and in all that we do. We love you!"

The following item was provided to me by Sandy Bassett, widow of Douglas.

Tacoma News Tribune, Sunday, April 13, 1980  
Collector's paradise

What's junk to one person can be a priceless artifact to another. One man who found this out, and is thereby making a living, is one Douglas Bassett.

He set up a shop, The Time Machine, seven years ago at 921 Broadway. Four years ago he moved to 765 Broadway, across the street from Gunderson's. Here his displays occupy what were the magazine-cigar stand of the Winthrop, The Koukura Restaurant, plus additional space.

Occupying one wall of his shop is a bank of drawers, each containing such items as old door knobs, old light switches, handles, you name it. In a display case are items of jewelry, most of it faddish of another time. Any valuable jewelry is kept in his safe.

Displayed on tables are lamp shades, a Bavarian demitasse set, odd pieces of china, old piano rolls, records, sheet music, toy trains and an ant farm.

In addition, his stock includes an ancient acetylene generator, a Morse code teacher, a coffee grinder, a 40-year old street scale and hundreds of glass bottles. Of the latter, some are embossed with the name of the firm selling whatever the contents were. Bassett explained this was done before pasted-on labels were used.

Bassett's pride and joy is a quart bottle labeled "PCACIFIC BEER, brewed by the Pacific Brewing and Malting Co. of Tacoma." Some bartender gave it to someone who happened to be passing his saloon at midnight preceding the day the Volstead Act (Prohibition) went into effect.

Much of The Time Machine's drop-in trade comprises people who are engaged in restoring old houses and searching for items dating back to the time when the house was built.

A large collection of ribbons and badges once worn by the members of brotherhood organizations, military items, books and postal cards are among other items, too numerous to mention. which comprise Time Machine's stock.

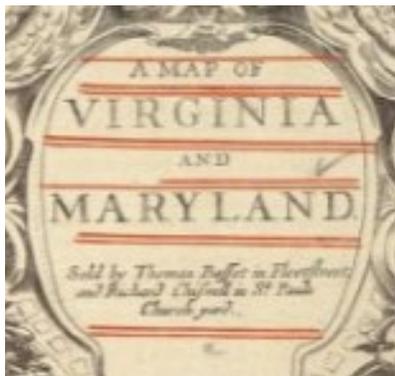
Bassett is an outgoing fellow who loves what he is doing. Whether you go in just to browse or in quest of a certain something, you'll find him not only helpful and knowledgeable, but fun to chat with.

As a sideline, Bassett is conducting a course, "Introduction to Antiques," at Pacific Lutheran University on Thursdays from 7 until 9:30 p.m.

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### Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Thomas Bassett of Fleet Street, London England

I have not yet identified this Thomas Bassett, but see him listed quite a bit for maps for sale back in the 1600's in England.



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

No new lines added or combined this month.

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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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