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[Section 1 - Welcome](#)

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

106B. James Bassett of Abbots Ripton, Huntingdonshire, England

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 182,500



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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Mary Bassett chest from New Hampshire to Ohio

Mary Bassett Platt Morgan descends William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
Joseph Bassett (b. 1635) and wife Mary Lapham
William Bassett (b. 1667) and wife Sarah Sweetland
William Bassett (b. 1694) and wife Mary Crossman
William Bassett (b. 1726) and wife Lydia Fisher
Samuel Bassett (b. 1754) and wife Martha Belding
William Bassett (b. 1779) and wife Elizabeth Stone
Mary Bassett (b. 1810)

The following article is a small portion of an article written by Vera Marie Badertscher about her Bassett ancestor, Mary Bassett Platt Morgan.

Mary Bassett was born in Keene New Hampshire, and when she was sixteen, her family traveled by horse and wagon to Ohio. I always felt connected to Mary Bassett, because I knew from my mother and grandmother that she was a bookworm like me. It might have been hard for a young woman to leave behind the friends and familiar surroundings of New Hampshire, but I understood that as long as she had something to read, she would be all right.

She brought with her on that wagon a wooden chest –plain, but with beautifully mitered corners. My Grandmother Vera Stout Anderson-Mary's grand-daughter–let me look through the chest. I loved going through the old clothes that my grandmother told me belonged to *her* mother and other ancestors. Some very old publications , including a home-bound set of *Godey's Lady's Book* lay in that chest. I told my grandmother that the only thing I wanted to inherit from her was that chest and its contents. And it sits in my entryway today.



Mary Bassett's chest traveled from New Hampshire to Keene Ohio on a wagon, and 140 years later from Ohio to Arizona on a moving van.

To read the complete article about Mary, click on the link below.

[52 Ancestors 24 Mary Bassett and Godey's- Ancestors in Aprons](#)

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[Section 3 - Featured Bassett: James Robert Bassett Obituary, Massachusetts](#)

James Robert Bassett descends William Bassett of Plymouth as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
Joseph Bassett (b.1635) and wife Martha Hobart
Jeremiah Bassett (b. 1678) and wife Mary Felch
Jeremiah Bassett (b. 1722) and wife Sarah Alger
Jeremiah Bassett (b. 1751) and wife Hannah Woodward
David Bassett (b. 1793) and wife Rhoda Austin
William Bruce Bassett (b. 1823) and wife Rhoda Sanford Pierce
William Bruce Bassett (b. 1851) and wife Sarah Ann Hadley
William Wallace Bassett (b. 1886) and wife Edith Pearly Hoyt
James Robert Bassett (b. 1928) and wife Lois Kittredge

Hamel, Lydon Chapel and Cremation Services of Massachusetts
James Robert Bassett
1928 - 2021

James Robert Bassett, 92, of Brockton, formerly of Quincy passed away at Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton on Tuesday July 6, 2021. James was born

at home in Quincy on August 6, 1928. He attended Quincy Schools before entering the United States Army where he was honorably discharged in 1953 as a Private First Class. James was employed by the city of Quincy as a foreman with the water and sewer department for thirty years retiring in 1990. He was a longtime member of the Houghs Neck Congregational Church. He was an active member of the Theodore Roosevelt Lodge of Masons, now the Delta Lodge in Braintree for over 50 years. James also is a member of the City of Quincy Retirees Association. Devoted husband of 42 years to the late Lois (Kittredge) Bassett who passed away in 1995. James is the loving father of Robert Bassett and his wife Jennifer of Brockton and Carole Federer of Phoenix, Arizona, proud Grandfather of triplets Samantha, Andrew, and Maxwell Bassett and James Williams and Robert Richards. Brother of the late William Bassett, Myra Boback and Dorothy Swett. James is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and extended family and many good friends including his longtime friend and companion Shirley M. Pearson of Quincy.

Visiting hours for James will be held on Monday July 12, 2021 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the Hamel- Lydon Chapel and Cremation Service of MA, 650 Hancock Street, Quincy, Ma. A funeral service will be held at the Houghs Neck Congregational Church, 310 Manet Avenue, Quincy on Tuesday July 13, 2021 at 11:00 am. The Reverend Stephen Vandergrift officiating. Burial will be at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne at a later date. Memorial donations in James' memory to the Dana Farber Cancer Center, 101 Columbian Street, So. Weymouth, MA 02190.

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[Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Y-DNA results for the #385B Samuel Bassett of London Family](#)

Y-DNA results are back for the line of #385B Samuel Bassett of London. He matches closely to two other Bassett families seen below.

17880	#256B Bassetts of Bethnal Green	13	24	14	11	11	14	12	12	12	13	13	29	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	14	14	16	17	10	11	19	23	15	15	17	13	37	37	12	12
71250	#171B Bassetts of Cranfield, Bed	13	24	14	11	11	14	12	12	12	13	13	29	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	14	15	16	17	10	11	19	23	15	15	17	13	36	37	12	12
IN103322	#385B Samuel Bassett of London	13	24	14	11	11	14	12	12	12	13	13	29	17	9	10	11	11	25	15	19	29	14	15	16	17	10	11	19	23	15	15	17	13	37	37	12	12

The #256B Bassett line is also found near London in Bethnal Green. The #171B goes back to before 1600 in Cranfield, Bedfordshire, England.

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[Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Death of Mary Grace Bassett, Journalist](#)

Mary Grace 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
- Benjamin Bassett (b. 1740) and wife Mary Hinman
- John Bassett (b. 1858) and wife Nancy Atwater Lee
- William Elliot Bassett (b. 1829) and wife Mary Dowd
- John Down Bassett (b. 1858) and wife Julia M. Selden
- Joseph Eliot Bassett (b. 1888) and wife Jane Olive Jones
- Mary Grace Bassett

The Washington Post, June 16, 2020
Grace Bassett, reporter who chronicled urban legislation in Congress,
dies at 93
By Adam Bernstein

Grace Bassett, a journalist who covered District affairs on Capitol Hill for The Washington Post and the old Washington Star, most notably chronicling passage of the constitutional amendment giving D.C. residents a voice in presidential elections, died June 8 at a nursing home in Annandale. She was 93.

The cause was complications from dementia, said her friend and agent for power of attorney, Robin Renner.

Ms. Bassett worked at The Post from 1953 to 1957 and won a Washington Newspaper Guild Award for her coverage of the District's response to the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court ruling *Brown v. Board of Education* outlawing racial segregation in public schools.

At the Star, where she spent about a decade, her beat was urban legislation in Congress. The American Political Science Association honored her for excellence in political reporting for the two years she spent following the campaign for the 23rd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Ratified in 1961, it authorized D.C. residents to choose electors in presidential elections.

Ms. Bassett was a frequent guest on public affairs TV shows and, after studying politics, sociology and economics at Columbia University on a Russell Sage Foundation grant, became a consultant in the late 1960s on urban issues for clients such as Newsweek and RCA. In 1968, she was an assistant campaign manager in the unsuccessful candidacy of Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy of Minnesota for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Starting in 1970, she wrote a column for the Hearst media empire's King Features Syndicate. Six years later, she left journalism for a position as assistant secretary for public affairs at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Ms. Bassett obtained a law degree at Georgetown University in 1979, but macular degeneration abbreviated her legal practice.

Mary Grace Bassett was born in Spokane, Wash., on Aug. 17, 1926, and grew up in Okanogan, Wash., where her mother taught high school and her father was a banker. She was a 1947 political science graduate of Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., and received a master's degree the next year from Columbia University's journalism school.

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After two years as a reporter for the Spokesman-Review of Spokane, she did postgraduate study at the University of Paris and University of Frankfurt before joining The Post.

She never married and had no immediate survivors. In 2001, she wrote "A Glimpse of Grace," a book about her aunt Grace Jones, a noted interior designer in the Pacific Northwest.

Ms. Bassett once won a national senior indoor singles tennis championship and made a flurry of news for her prowess on skiing trails.

In 1974, she was in the reporting pool that accompanied President Gerald Ford to Vail, Colo., where on Christmas Day she and another newswoman encountered the president on the slopes.

According to a United Press International account, he was informed that the women wanted to ski with him. "It depends on whether they are pretty," he said with a grin, before turning to a Secret Service agent for approval. The agent shook his head no.

"You don't have to obey him," the reporters responded.

Ms. Bassett continued on her way and later assessed the day's skiing in her pool report: "The sky was clear blue . . . the snow, off the tracks, was like a coat of marshmallow frosting - really with diamond sparkles in it."



A 1950s photo of Grace Bassett. (Richard Lyons/Courtesy of the family)

San Antonio Light, Texas, Monday, January 5, 1970
Miss Bassett Joins Hearst Staff
The Light's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON - Grace Bassett, a prize-winning Washington newspaperwoman and consultant, today joined the staff of the Hearst newspapers' Washington Bureau, where she will specialize in articles on urban problems.

From 1952 to 1956, Miss Bassett was a staff write on The Washington Post and for the 10 succeeding years, she covered congress for The Washington Star with emphasis on urban legislation.

In 1960, she was cited by the American Political Science Association for "excellence in political reporting" as a result of her coverage of the campaign to give Washington residents the right to vote for president and vice-president.

On the Star, she worked for five months on a reporting team that produced a Pulitzer Prize winning series on metropolitan problems. In 1955, she won the first and grand prizes of The Washington newspaper Guild for a school integration series appearing in The Post.

A frequent guest on television panels discussing urban issues, Miss Bassett also conducted her own weekly half-hour interview show, "In Person," on Washington radio station WGMS in 1964 and 1965.

During the 1966-67 academic year, Miss Bassett studied politics, sociology and economics at Columbia University on a Russell Sage Foundation Grant. Following that, she became a political and urban consultant with such clients as the Urban Institute, RCA, Newsweek, The Urban Coalition and the Sage Foundation.

In 1968, Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy hired Miss Bassett as an assistant campaign manager in the presidential primaries. In this capacity, she wrote position papers, worked with adult volunteers, supervised the Washington headquarters and scheduled his appearances in New England.

Miss Bassett is a native of Spokane, Wash., and a descendant of transplanted New Englanders. Both her grandfathers were Yale men, one of them, John D. Bassett, a Republican, served as a Washington state senator. She took her bachelor of arts degree in political science at Whitman College, a master's in journalism at Columbia and did post-degree study, mainly in

languages, at the University of Paris and The University of Frankfurt.

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Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Current Schedule for the Bassett family Reunion in November

To get more details on the Bassett reunion, contact Walt Bassett at bassett1621@gmail.com.

DAY	November			activity		location
Wednesday	10			Check-in		
		3:00 PM		Greetings	on your own	1620 Hotel
		5:30 PM		Welcome Desk / Social	Group	1620 Hotel
		6:30 PM	7:00 PM	Dinner	on your own	various
		7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Registration	Group	1620 Hotel
		7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Welcome directions	Group	1620 Hotel
Thursday	11	7:30 AM	8:45 AM	Breakfast	on your own	1620 Hotel
		9:00 AM	9:15 AM	Meet at Hotel Entrance	group	1620 Hotel - receive Heritage Pass
		9:15 AM	9:30 AM	Walking TOUR begins	Group	Historic Plymouth Waterfront - Guided Tour
		9:30 AM	9:45 AM	Mayflower	Group	Mayflower 2 entry (group 1)
		9:45 AM	10:00 AM	Mayflower	Group	Mayflower 2 entry (group 2)
		10:30 AM	10:45 AM	Grist Mill		Plymouth Grist Mill entry (group 1)
		10:45 AM	11:00 AM	Grist Mill		Plymouth Grist Mill entry (group 2)
		11:00 AM	11:30 AM	Walking TOUR		Educational presentation
		11:30 AM	12:00 PM	Walking TOUR		Brewster gardens - Town Brook - Burial Hill and Town Square
		12:00 PM	1:15 AM	LUNCH	on your own	
		1:15 PM	1:30 PM	board Bus	Group	At the Hotel 1620
		1:30 PM	1:45 PM	Bus to Plymouth Plantation	Group	
		2:00 PM	2:15 PM	Plymouth Entrance	Group	Plymouth Plantation / Patuxet Village
		2:15 PM	3:15 PM	Presentation	Group	17th Century Education start time
		3:15 PM	5:00 PM	self guided tour		Plymouth Plantation / Patuxet Village
		5:00 PM	5:15 PM	board Bus	Group	
		5:30 PM	6:00 PM	Bus to Hotel	Group	1620 Hotel
		6:30 PM	7:00 PM	Dinner	on your own	various
Friday	12	7:30 AM	10:00 AM	Breakfast	on your own	
		9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Bus to Boston	Group	
		10:00 AM	10:15 AM	arrive at NEHGS	Group	NEHGS
		10:30 AM	11:30 AM	tour of NEHGS	Group	NEHGS
		11:30 AM	12:00 PM	Educational Presentation	Group	NEHGS
		1:15 AM	4:30 PM	free time	on your own	Freedom Trial / Faneuil Hall / Quincy Market
				>	on your own	Duck Tours
				>	on your own	Shopping on Newbury Street
				>	on your own	Other activities on your own
		4:30 PM	5:15 PM	Meet for Social hr.	Group	Union Oyster House
		5:15 PM	7:00 PM	Dinner @ Restaurant	Group	Union Oyster House
		7:00 PM	7:15 PM	board Bus	Group	
		7:15 PM	8:15 PM	Bus to Plymouth	Group	1620 Hotel
Saturday	13	7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Breakfast	on your own	
		9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Research Topic #1 (Jeff Bassett)	Group	The Original Bassett Branches in Colonial America
		10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Research Topic #2 (Jeff Bassett)	Group	Using DNA to Link the Bassett's
		12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch	group	1620 Hotel catered
		1:30 PM	2:00 PM	Research Topic #3 (Dave Robison)	Group	Topic TBD
		2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Research Topic #4 (Walt Bassett)	Group	Finding Greenleaf
		3:30 PM	4:30 PM	Build Your Tree Event (Jim Greer)	Group	group activity - Build a Tree
		4:30 PM	5:30 PM	free time	on your own	
		5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Social Hour	Group	1620 Hotel
		6:30 PM	7:00 PM	Welcome (Walt Bassett)	Group	1620 Hotel
		7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Dinner	Group	1620 Hotel
		8:30 PM	9:30 PM	Special Guest Speaker	Group	1620 Hotel
Sunday	14					
		7:30 AM	10:00 AM	Breakfast	on your own	1620 Hotel
		7:30 AM	11:00 AM	Check-out		

Section 7 – Featured Bassett: Family Picture of Judge Joseph Carter Bassett of Louisiana

Judge Joseph Carter Bassett descends from #5B William Bassett of Virginia as follows:

- William Bassett (b. 1604) and wife Bridget Cary
- William Bassett (b. 1671) and wife Joanna Burwell
- William Bassett (b. 1709) and wife Elizabeth Churchill
- Priscilla Bassett (presumed great great grandmother based on all current evidence)
- Benjamin Carter Bassett and wife Martha Davis
- William Henry Bassett (b. 1796) and wife Eleanor O'Neill
- Judge Joseph Carter Bassett (b. 1822) and wife Eugenie Richard



Picture provided by Donna Henning

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

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

554B. Samuel Bassett of Texas

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Section 8 - DNA project update.

Results from one Y-DNA test are back. See Section 4 of this month's newsletter for more details.

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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