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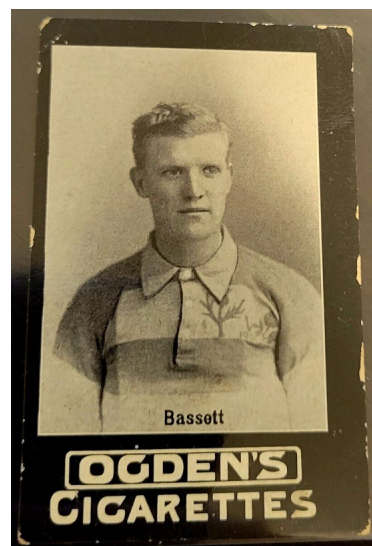
[Section 1 - Welcome](#)

The owner of a home in Massachusetts found five boxes of material originally belonging to Josiah Colby Bassett. They found my Bassett website and sent me the material. It is a treasure trove of research and pictures. I will be featuring items from this collection for the rest of year as I have time to sort through the material. The material has been in the attic through several owners since 1940 when Josiah died.

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

373B. George B. Bassett of Miller County, Arkansas.

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 208,355



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Section 2 – Featured Bassett: Family Photo of the 8 children of William and Abiah (Williams) Bassett

William 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  
Nathan Bassett (b. 1702) and wife Hannah Washburn  
Joseph Bassett (b. 1740) and wife Hannah Lathrop  
William Bassett (b. 1777) and wife Abiah Williams

From the Josiah Colby Bassett collection



Picture taken at the funeral of Abiah (Williams) Bassett in 1860  
Eight children of William and Abiah (Williams) Bassett

Women left to right: Cornelia Howard, Harriet Williams, Henrietta Howard,  
Hannah Alden.

Men left to right: Josiah L. Bassett, Abiel Bassett, Williams Bassett, Church  
Bassett

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Section 3 – Featured Bassett: Alice (Bassett) Muller, South Dakota Lawyer

Alice E. (Bassett) Muller descends from William Bassett of Plymouth, Massachusetts as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth  
William Bassett (b. 1624) and wife Mary Raynesford  
Nathan Bassett (b. 1667) and wife Mary Huckens  
William Bassett (b. 1702) and wife Anna Mayhew  
Nathan Bassett (b. 1751) and wife Martha Bassett  
William Bassett (b. 1790) and wife Lydia Blood  
Ira Norton Bassett (b. 1820) and wife Betsey Ann Babcock  
Alice E. Bassett (b. 1865) and husband Henry A. Muller



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Fellow Sioux Falls resident Alice E. Bassett gained admissions to the bar six months after Rochford. Born in April of 1867 near Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, Bassett was the youngest child of Ira Norton Bassett, a Civil War veteran who died when Alice was young, and Betsey Babcock Bassett. In her early twenties, after graduation from Jennings Seminary in Aurora, Illinois, Bassett came to Sioux Falls, first working as a teacher then as a stenographer in the law office of Charles P. Bates, where she pursued her

legal studies. On 5 April 1898, she successfully passed the examination before the South Dakota Supreme Court and was admitted to practice. As a licensed lawyer, the Sioux Falls newspapers reported, Bassett tried cases and gave legal advice to a number of clients. She preferred teaching and stenographic work, however, and began a business school, giving private evening instruction before establishing her school of stenography and typewriting in the Minnehaha building in Sioux Falls. On 2 January 1900, she married lawyer Henry August Muller.

"A lawyer has an opportunity almost equal with that of the clergy along the line of helpful and upbuilding influence upon mankind", Alice Bassett Muller declared. She named as necessary qualifications for the job the ability to think quickly and clearly on one's feet, good health, and kindness and sympathy. Childless herself, she identified the conflict between career and family as the primary limitation for a woman lawyer. "To succeed," Muller asserted, "a woman should devote all of her time to her profession, which would bar her from rearing a family and devoting herself to her home." She described her work in 1920 as a combination of law, stenographic reporting, and teaching, taking any kind of work that came to her and making from two to four thousand dollars a year.

As a stenographer, Muller regularly took down the proceedings at various state conventions, among them the bankers association and education association, and reported numerous political addresses, including several by William Jennings Bryan. She was the official reporter for the Department of South Dakota Grand Army of the Republic. At the time of her death on 13 April 1926, she had nearly finished compiling a history of the department, having served as its historian for three decades. The five-hundred-page volume contained data on thousands of South Dakota's veterans. Muller was known for her charitable work and civic involvement. She played an active role in the organization of the Sioux Falls Humane Society, for which she served as secretary, and the Business and Professional Women's Club. She was also closely involved in church work, the YMCA, and the Prisoner's Welfare Society.

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#### Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Death of Jodie Edgar Bassett

Jodie Edgar Bassett descends from 48B Francis Bassett of South Carolina as follows:

Francis Bassett and wife Mary

John Bassett

John Bassett (b. 1785)

James Bassett (b. 1814) and wife Elisa Thompson

William Laudius Bassett (b. 1835) and wife Lucy Jeroline Crockett

Edgar Maltesssee Bassett (b. 1866) and wife Mary Susan Frances Adams

William Ethel Bassett (b. 1888) and wife Georgia Mae Williamson

James Oliver Bassett (b. 1922) and wife Annie Pauline Ouzts

Jodie Edgar Bassett

Ebensberger-Fisher Funeral Home, 19 April 2023  
Jodie Edgar Bassett

Jodie Edgar Bassett passed away Saturday morning, April 15, 2023, due to sudden cancer complications. Born in Devine, Texas, to his late parents, Ollie and Anne Bassett. He was raised with his older sister, Carolyn, his older brother (and partner-in-crime) Ronnie, and his late younger sister, Jennifer. He attended Devine High and played quarterback for the Warhorses. He earned his degree in Pharmacy from the University of Texas at Austin. Jodie wanted to become a pharmacist for two famous reasons-because he wanted to help people and be able to support a family in the country. By the grace of God, he achieved both. In 1988, he took a position as a pharmacist at Walmart, and moved his young family to a small farm just outside the city of Boerne. There he served the community as a pharmacist for 31 years. Jodie was a devoted husband, a caring father, a beloved grandfather, and a skilled farmer. But the most prominent feature of his life was his faith in Jesus Christ. It animated every area of his life: his kindness and attentiveness to customers, his generosity (especially his habit of giving away his garden produce and milk and homemade cheese from the dairy cow free of charge), and his gift of hospitality, exemplified by the frequent hayrides he and his wife hosted at the farm. Jodie loved his Savior, and he lived his life to bring Him glory. That example will not be forgotten. He is survived by Debbie, his wife of 42 years, as well as his four children-Philip (wife Christine), Joel, Jonathan (wife Elizabeth), and Rachel. He was also blessed with four spirited, beloved grandchildren: Naomi (12), Leif (10), Penelope (7), and Edmund (5), who all knew him as Papa. In lieu of flowers, his wife and family would like any donations to be made to the Wendy Ramsey CLL & Richter's Research Fund (in partnership with Dana-Farber Cancer Institute) at <https://www.wendyramseyrichtersresearchfund.com/>. A funeral service will be held on April 21, 2023, 10:00 a.m. at Ebensberger Fisher Funeral Home in Boerne. His viewing will begin at 9 a.m. with a private burial service to follow at Boerne City Cemetery. To leave condolences for the family, please visit [www.ebensberger-fisher.com](http://www.ebensberger-fisher.com). Arrangements with Ebensberger Fisher Funeral Home of Boerne.

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[Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Photograph of Emma Bassett of Baraboo, Wisconsin](#)

Arthur Kamp Bassett descends from #6B William Bassett of Connecticut as follows:

William Bassett and wife Hannah Dickerman  
John Bassett (b. 1652) and wife Mercy Todd  
Joseph Bassett (b. 1697) and wife Miriam Bradley  
Joseph Bassett (b. 1727) and wife Chloe Sanford  
Zophar Bassett (b. 1763) and wife Thankful Bartholomew  
Patrick Ashley Bassett (b. 1806) and wife Mary Catherine Powell  
William Powell Bassett (b. 1845) and wife Lucy Turner  
Arthur Kamp Bassett (b. 1881) and wife Emma Martin





Emma Amelia (Martin) Bassett, wife of Arthur Kamp Bassett  
Picture recently for sale on eBay

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### Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Death of Thelma Bassett of New Mexico

Lloyd Mayhew Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth, Massachusetts as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth  
William Bassett (b. 1624) and wife Mary Raynesford  
Nathan Bassett (b. 1667) and wife Mary Huckens  
William Bassett (b. 1702) and wife Ann Mayhew  
Nathan Bassett (b. 1751) and wife Martha Bassett  
Ira Bryant Bassett (b. 1788) and wife Louisa Cleveland  
Samuel Mayhew Bassett (b. 1839) and wife Sarah Jane Young  
Charles Cornelius Bassett (b. 1885) and wife Elizabeth Mary Campbell  
Lloyd Mayhew Bassett (b. 1915) and wife Thelma Estelle Robertson

Thelma Bassett is a Bassett by marriage.

Deming Headlight, January 15, 2010  
Thelma Bassett

Thelma Bassett, a resident of Los Lunas, N.M., from 2006 until November, 2009, passed away swiftly and peacefully at The Cottages in Albuquerque just days into the New Year. She was 92. Thelma was born in 1917, in Arizona frontier country, but grew up in California, where her father was a charter fishing boat owner and captain.

Thelma was a published author by age 6 and a paid contributor to a national children's journal by age 10. By 12, she was designing clothes, and her surviving sketches show remarkable talent. She was a performing concert pianist by the age of 15. She graduated from high school in 1934 as co-valedictorian in a class of 600 students. She was news editor of her high school paper.

In 1940, Thelma married Army Air Corpsman Louis Blackwell, who later became a decorated World War II hero. The couple was living near Hickam Airfield in Hawaii in Dec. 1941, when Thelma looked up on her way to church to see Japanese planes flying in to bomb Pearl Harbor. During the subsequent evacuation of civilians from the Islands, she concealed the fact of her advanced pregnancy so that she would be allowed to return to California in a military-escorted convoy.

By the mid-1940s, Thelma, now a single mom, was a railroad clerk in a tiny town near the Oregon border. In 1950, she moved to El Paso, where she met and, in 1952, married a young railroad engineer from Deming, N.M., named Lloyd Bassett. She retired from the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1986, with 38 years of service.

Travel and family were Thelma's greatest joys. She and Lloyd crisscrossed the U.S. and Canada by car. After his death in 1980, she toured Australia and Scotland alone. She was notorious for driving hundreds of miles to drink coffee with a relative, only to be off again within the hour.

An avid reader, Thelma loved mystery novels. In the 1960s she learned to knit in order to make blankets for orphanages. Well into her eighties, she taught piano and played for Sunday services at the El Paso Relief Mission. She had been a member of the First Christian Church of El Paso since 1952 and of a Masonic widows' group since 1980. She lived alone until 2006, when she broke her arm while on a trip and had to move to Los Lunas to be near family. After a family graveside service in Deming on Jan. 11, Thelma was laid to rest beside Lloyd Bassett, her husband of 28 years. She is survived by her son, Louis Blackwell, and wife, Shirley, of Los Lunas, N.M.; grandson Ken Blackwell and wife, Melanie, of Cocoa, Fla.; granddaughter Rebecca Blackwell and husband, Glen Carlberg and step-great grandsons Kyler and Arden Carlberg of Ponderosa, N.M.; and nieces Sharon Reekers, of Vista, Calif., and Donna and husband Doug Harris of Abilene, Texas.

Her family thanks her home care aide and companion Nita Crawley, of Los Lunas, Beehive Assisted Living in Los Lunas, and The Cottages for their compassionate caregiving. During karaoke at The Cottages the day before she died, she is reported to have danced with joy to the Troggs' 1966 hit "Wild Thing." The family requests that any memorial gifts go to the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation, on the Web or at 1-800-259-4636. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels 811 S. Gold Ave., Deming, N.M. 88030, (575) 546-9671.

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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.

373B. George Bassett of Australia has been combined into the #34B Bassett family of County Down.

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

373B. George B. Bassett (b. 1886) of Texarkana, Arkansas

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Section 9 - DNA project update.

One result presented above and more result is back that will be included 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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