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[Section 1 - Welcome](#)

Family Tree DNA is having a summer special for anyone that has been putting off ordering a Y-DNA kit that wants to join the Bassett Y-DNA project. Contact me for details if interested.

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 206,141



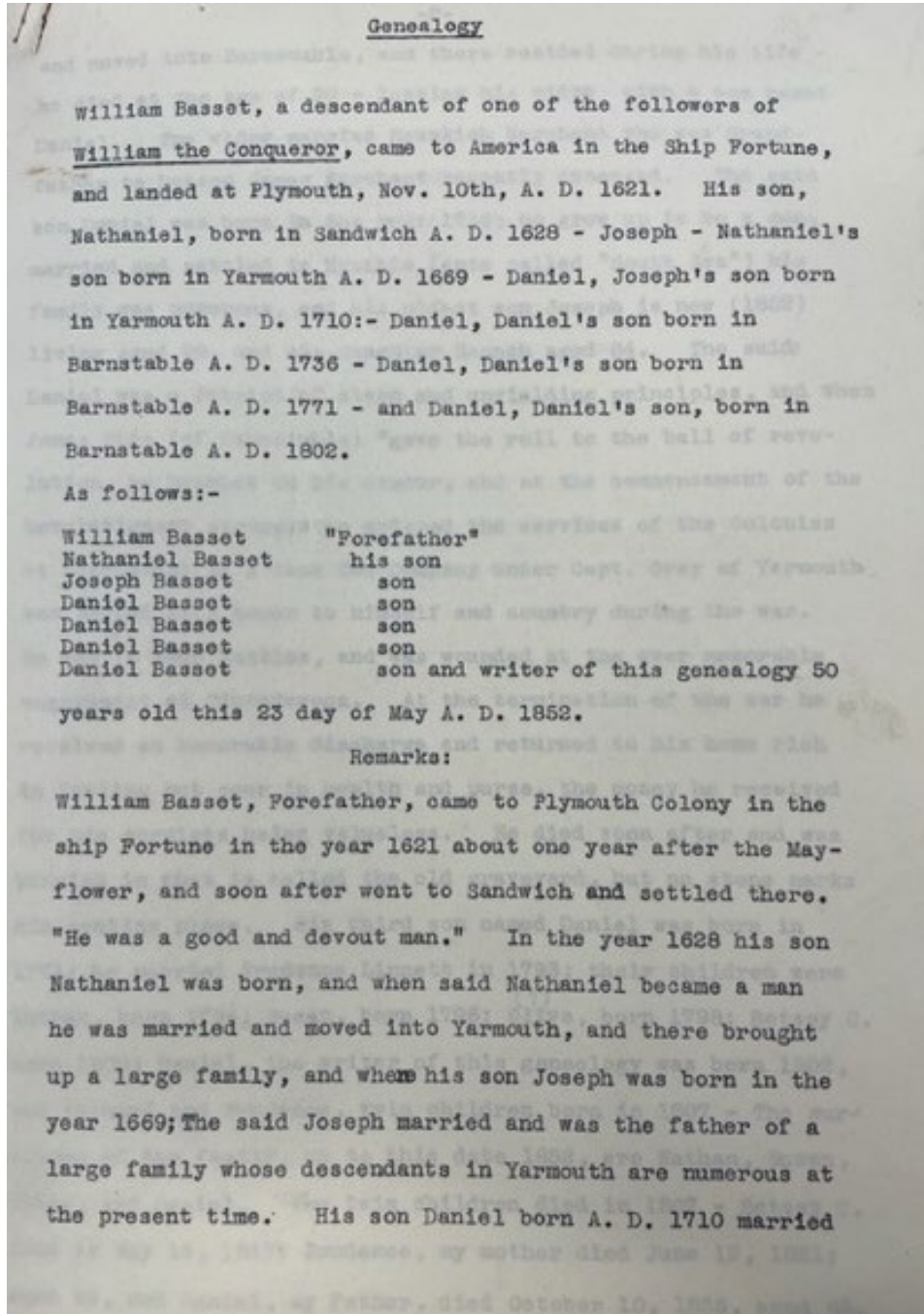
Truck seen on the highway in northern Minnesota on a recent trip

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Section 2 – Featured Bassett: 1852 Daniel Bassett Genealogy & History

Daniel Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth, Massachusetts as follows:

- William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
- Nathaniel Bassett (b. 1628) and wife Dorcas Joyce
- Joseph Bassett (b. 1749) and wife Susannah Howes
- Daniel Bassett (b. 1710) and wife Elizabeth Crowell
- Daniel Bassett (b. 1736) and wife Hannah Studley
- Daniel Bassett (b. 1771) and wife Prudence Linell
- Daniel Bassett (b. 1802) and wife Sarah Linell



and moved into Barnstable, and there resided during his life - he died at the age of 30 - leaving his widow with a son named Daniel. The widow married Hezekiah Marchant who was Grandfather to Deacon James Marchant recently deceased. The said son Daniel was born in the year 1736; he grew up to be a man, married and settled in Hyannis (once called "South Sea") his family was numerous, and his oldest son Joseph is now (1852) living aged 90, and his daughter Hannah aged 84. The said Daniel was a Patriot of stern and unyielding principles, and when James Otis (of Barnstable) "gave the roll to the ball of revolution, he buckled on his armour, and at the commencement of the Revolutionary struggle he entered the services of the Colonies as Lieutenant in a Cape Cod Company under Capt. Grey of Yarmouth and served with honor to himself and country during the war. He was in many battles, and was wounded at the ever memorable engagement at Ticonderoga. At the termination of the war he received an honorable discharge and returned to his home rich in feeling but poor in health and purse, the money he received for his services being valueless. He died soon after and was buried in what is called the old graveyard, but no stone marks his resting place. His third son named Daniel was born in 1771; he married Prudence Linnett in 1793; their children were Nathan, born 1794; Susan, born 1798; Olive, born 1798; Betsey C. born 1800; Daniel, the writer of this genealogy was born 1802, and Richard and Prudence, twin children born in 1807 - The survivors of the family, up to this date 1852, are Nathan, Susan, Olive, and Daniel. The twin children died in 1807 - Betsey C. died in May 18, 1817; Prudence, my mother died June 12, 1821; aged 49, and Daniel, my Father, died October 10, 1836, aged 65.

Thus I find by correct data the foregoing particulars respecting my ancestry from the landing of the Pilgrims to the present time and the singular fact that I am the fourth Daniel in succession and have also learned the names of my ancestors for six generations.

Daniel Bassett  
of Barnstable, now  
50 years old  
May 23, 1852.

This was given to me, Franklin Harley Bassett, by Clerk of Barnstable County Court Sept. 1924. It was about to be destroyed in a clean-up of old papers that had belonged to his wife's father when he intervened and put it in his pocket, remarking that a Bassett might be along some day to whom it would be useful. So it was and very soon.

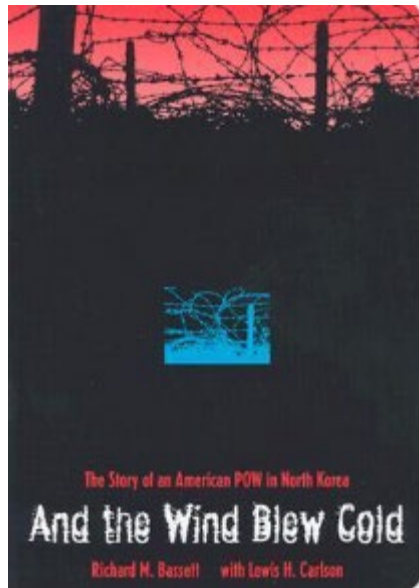
Document found in the Josiah Colby Bassett papers.

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[Section 3 - Featured Bassett: "And the Wind Blew Cold" by Richard Milton Bassett](#)

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

John Bassett  
John Bassett and wife Sabrina Ray  
Alexander Bassett (b. 1778) and wife Anne Mickey  
Amos Bassett (b. 1817) and wife Aurilla M. Hal  
Charles Franklin Bassett (b. 1856) and wife Martha Caroline James  
Amos Earl Bassett (b. 1895) and wife Minnie Ruth Bieger  
Richard Milton Bassett (b. 1928)



From Goodreads:

A first-person account of the day-to-day struggles of an American held captive in North Korea. October 6, 1951. Richard Bassett remembers the day vividly. That was the day his platoon ran into an ambush near Kumwha. During the firefight many were wounded, four were killed, and Bassett, along with three others, was captured. During a month-long march to the POW camp the Americans frequently came under friendly fire. Surviving the march paled in comparison to what the captured soldiers had to endure at Camp-5-Pyokdong. Frostbite, dysentery, jaundice, and mental breakdowns dwindled their numbers. Starvation and squalid conditions took their toll on Bassett during his 21-month incarceration. Yet he pledged to himself that if anyone were to walk out of this camp alive, it would be him. When Richard Bassett returned from Korea on convalescent leave in 1953, he set down his experiences in training, combat, and captivity. Then he put the memoir away and tried to forget. More than twenty years later, hospitalized for acute Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, he once again faced his personal demons. Expanding the memoir to include his postwar struggles with the U.S. government and his own wounded psyche, the resulting comprehensive account is published here for the first time. Bassett captures in plain language and vivid detail those days of his captivity. He describes the shock of capture and ensuing long march to Pyokdong, North Korea, Camp 5 on the Yellow River, where many prisoners died of untreated wounds, disease, hunger, paralyzing cold, and brutal mistreatment in the bitter winter of 1950-51. He recounts Chinese attempts to mentally break down prisoners in order to exploit them for propoganda. Bassett takes the reader through typical days in a prisoner's life, discussing food, clothing, shelter, and work; the struggle against unremitting boredom; religious, social, and recreational diversions; and even those moments of terror when all seemed lost. Bassett's story is important to general audiences and scholars alike because it has not counterpart in the literature of the Korean War. And the Wind Blew Cold refutes Cold War-era propaganda that often unfairly characterized POWs as brainwashed victims or even traitors who lacked the grit that Americans expected of their brave sons. Bassett concludes his memoir with a candid discussion of the war's aftermath, his battle with Post-Traumatic Stress

Disorder, harassment by a government eager to impugn the loyalty of repatriated POWs, and his long struggle with the Veterans Administration to receive compensation for enduring physical and mental scars. This book will fascinate anyone interested in the Korean War era, in captivity tales, and in the resilience of the human spirit.

The St. Augustine Record, Florida, Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Richard M. Bassett (1928 - 2018)

Richard M. Bassett, age 90, of St. Augustine, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, June 5, 2018 at his home surrounded by his family. Richard was born to Amos and Mittie Bassett on January 29, 1928 in West Palm Beach, FL. He was a 1945 graduate of Jupiter High School and enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves at the end of W.W.II. He was called to active duty in 1951 and went to Korea to serve with the 25th Infantry Division, 14 Regiment, 3rd Battalion. Richard was captured in an ambush by the Chinese in October of 1951 while out on patrol near Kumwha, North Korea. During his imprisonment he fought to keep his New Testament Bible, and was allowed to hold services for the prisoners. To this day that same bible is located in the Andersonville National Museum. He was finally released from captivity on August 12, 1953 during a cease fire and exchange of prisoners, after 22 months, 6 days as a POW in N. Korea. Richard returned to civilian life and went on to attend Florida State University where he received his Bachelor Degree in 1955 and Master of Education Degree in 1957. He began his career in education as a History teacher at Forest Hills High School in West Palm Beach, and continued as a Social Studies and Adult Education Teacher at St. Augustine High School from 1967 until his retirement in 1989. He retired after 31 years of teaching. Richard continued to teach in his retirement as volunteer. He served as a tutor in the Learn to Read, English as a Second Language and Take Stock in Children Programs. He also returned to China in 1992 and 1993 to teach Conversational English at Sichuan University in Chungdu, China. Richard was steadfast and unwavering in his faith in God. He was a founding member of Anastasia Baptist Church and had a heart for serving. He served as a Deacon, Chairman of Deacons, Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Director, he loved singing in the choir and served on numerous committees. He led by serving. Despite his experience in the Korean War, Richard joyfully participated in a joint evangelistic campaign with Florida and South Korea Baptist churches in Seoul, Korea. Richard was also a member of many Educational and veteran's organizations, and especially had a heart for organizations that supported ex POWs.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Valdeen. He is survived by his two sons, Mark Alan Bassett and wife Mary Jane, Jay Daniel Bassett; his granddaughters, Hannah, Alisa, Kara & Andrea; and grandsons, Caleb, Cody & Colton, and many great grandchildren.

Services will be held at 5:00 pm on Monday, June 11, 2018 at Anastasia Baptist Church with Rev. Ron Moore officiating. A committal service with military honors will be held at 2 pm on Monday, June 18, 2018 at Andersonville National Cemetery in Andersonville, Ga. In lieu of flowers, donations in Richard's memory can be made to: Community Hospice of Northeast FL., 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32257

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Section 4 – Featured Bassett: Isaac Bassett of the Bassett Foundry Company

Isaac Bassett descends from #14B Jean Besset of Quebec, Canada as follows:

Jean Besset and wife Anne Seigneru  
Jean Basset (b. 1672) and wife Anne Benoit  
Jean Francois Besset (b. 1714) and wife Marie Joseph Girard  
Joseph Bessette (b. 1753) and wife Marie Francoise Barriere  
Joseph Bessette (b. 1779) and wife Angelique Georges  
Edouard Bessette (b.1805) and wife Flavie Fonteneau  
Isaie Bessette (b. 1855) and wife Sophie Gaborialt  
Isaac Bassett (b. 1878)

Personal Sketches for Lenawee County  
Isaac Bassett

Isaac Bassett, president of the Adrian Casting Company, was born December 15, 1878, at Montreal, Canada. His parents, Isaac and Sophia (Gabrault) Bassett, were born in that city in 1855. In 1883, when their son, Isaac, was five years old, Mr. and Mrs. Bassett moved to Chicago, where the father, a blacksmith, established himself in business. Isaac Bassett is still living but his wife died in that city. They were the parents of ten children, three sons and seven daughters, four of whom are now dead. One son, Lester, is a foreman in the plant of the Adrian Casting Company. Isaac Bassett, Jr., left school when he was fifteen years old to begin his career in the metal industry, which he has followed continuously since that tender age. He worked awhile at Jackson, going from that city to Detroit, where he remained only a few months. Returning to Jackson, he worked in the foundries in that city until 1914, when he accepted a position with the Adrian Steel Casting Company, as superintendent. In 1918 his experience and abilities won for him the post of vice-president and general manager. In 1901 Mr. Bassett married Clara Schuessler, of Harvey, Illinois. To this union were born two children: Arthur R., who was born April 3, 1902, and Carroll William, who was born September 28, 1904. On June 28, 1923, Mr. Bassett was again married. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Exchange club and the Chamber of Commerce. In addition to holding the positions of president and general manager of the Adrian Casting Company, Mr. Bassett is a director of that concern.

Daily Telegram, Adrian, Michigan, Friday, September 10, 1943  
Stearns Buys Stock Of Bassett Foundry  
Isaac Bassett Will Retire After 50 Years of Work

The Stearns Manufacturing Corporation has purchased all outstanding stock of the Bassett Foundry Company and in the future will operate the foundry as a separate corporation and subsidiary, E.F. Olsen, Stearns president announced today.

Isaac Bassett, president to the Bassett Company, plans to retire form business but will be available in an advisory capacity. He now is on vacation at Killarney lake. Mr. Bassett is a 50-year veteran in the foundry business. He started business in Chicago nearly half a century ago and came to Adrian

from Jackson in 1914. The Bassett family operated a foundry in Jackson for about five years. The Adrian foundry is in the same location as when it was started here just prior to the outbreak of World War I in Europe.

Mr. Olsen is the new president of the board of directors of the Bassett Company, Walter Schutt is vice president and Carroll Bassett, son of Isaac Bassett, is secretary. Mr. Olsen and Mrs. Schutt also are officials of the Stearns Company. Carroll Bassett has been associated with his father in the foundry for several years and will continue in the business under the new ownership.

The foundry management will continue much as it has in the past," Mr. Olson said today, "but we do hope to enlarge the working force and definitely increase production."

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### Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Robert E. Bassitt of Ohio and grandson Chris Bassitt

Robert E. Bassitt descends from William Bassett of Plymouth, Massachusetts as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth  
Nathaniel Bassett (b. 1628) and wife Dorcas Joyce  
Samuel Bassett (b. 1670) and wife Elizabeth Jones  
Samuel Bassett (b. 1700) and wife Alice Weaver  
Samuel Bassett (b. 1736) and wife Tabitha Waite  
William Bassett (b. 1765)  
Samuel Bassett (b. 1795) and wife Elsie Lewis  
Marquis Bassitt (b. 1854) and wife Harriet Hedges  
John William Bassitt (b. 1887) and wife Elzora Zoe Heffner  
Robert Leroy Bassitt (b. 1912) and wife Mary Catherine Musser  
Robert E. Bassitt (b. 1933) and wife Cora Jayne Teegardin  
John Bassitt  
Chris Bassitt

The Toledo Blade, Ohio, Wednesday, 8 September 2021  
Robert "Bob" Bassitt  
1933-2021  
Refinery worker helped maintain parks, wetlands

Robert "Bob" Bassitt, a longtime Oregon refinery employee and a versatile community volunteer, died Thursday in his Northwood home. He was 88.

The family did not report the cause of death.

Mr. Bassitt retired in 1991 after 35 years with what now is BP-Husky Toledo Refinery in Oregon, most recently as a process supervisor.

In retirement, he worked part-time helping maintain Pearson Metropark in Oregon for a few years until retiring permanently in the late-1990s to focus on his grandchildren, Michael Bassitt, his son, said.

The elder Mr. Bassitt also volunteered in a similar role at Middlegrounds Metropark near downtown Toledo from 2015 to 2018, when he stopped for health reasons.



His son said Mr. Bassitt centered his life on his children and grandchildren, some of whom followed in his steps as athletes and as refinery employees.

"I think of him as a good-natured father and a hard worker who was extremely supportive of his family," Michael Bassitt said. "And he loved to share his love of nature with others through the many volunteer projects that he led."

Mr. Bassitt especially enjoyed helping preserve wetland areas, including those at Nature Trails Park in Northwood, which he was instrumental in designating. He also wrote proposals for grants to fund their preservation, his son said.

Additionally, he planted at least 80 evergreens around a pond near Curtice Road and I-280 in the mid-1990s as a volunteer for the city of Northwood.

In the mid-to-late 1990s, he was involved with a group that helped reintroduce the gray wolf into Yellowstone National Park.

From about 2005 to 2010, he was a support volunteer at the Hospice of Northwest Ohio, talking to residents one-on-one. He also volunteered for the Northwood Local Schools when his children went there from the early-1970s through the mid-1980s.

In part, he spearheaded the installation of lights at the Northwood High School football stadium about 1975, which allowed the school to host night games. He was also active in the school district's athletic boosters.

Mr. Bassitt was born Aug. 26, 1933, in Lima, Ohio, to Mary and Robert Bassitt, the oldest of seven children.

He was a 1951 graduate of Lima Central High School, where he played varsity football and baseball, then went on to play football for the University of Kentucky. Mr. Bassitt played there for two years when legendary University of Alabama Head Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant was UK's head coach from 1946 to 1953.

Mr. Bassitt left college as a sophomore in order to support his family when his mother died unexpectedly. He went back home to work at what was then the Standard Oil Co. refinery in Oregon.

About 1957, he married Cora Jayne Teegardin. They raised three children together. She died in 2019.

Over the years in his free time, he liked to be with his family, especially visiting his children's and grandchildren's athletic events, and traveling. He also raised wild turkeys for several years in the 1970s.

Mr. Bassitt was a member of the Christ Dunberger American Legion Post 537 in Oregon, where he served on the color guard and as the post historian. He also was active in the Pheasants Forever nature group in Toledo in the 1980s.

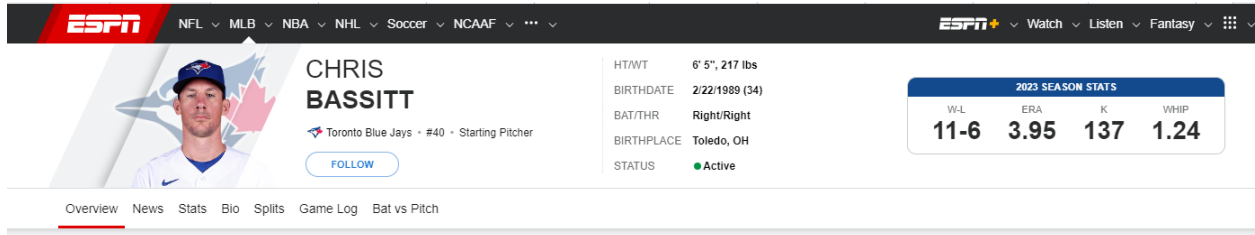
He was preceded in death by his wife and two brothers.

Surviving are his sons, John and Michael Bassitt; daughter, Julie Tucholski; sisters, Carol Williams, Linda Derth, Pat Miller, and Mary Gerdeman; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Friday at Freck Funeral Chapel, 1155

S. Wynn Rd., Oregon, where funeral services will immediately follow.

The family suggests tributes to Hospice of Northwest Ohio or the American Legion post.



The image shows a screenshot of the ESPN MLB player profile for Chris Bassitt. The profile includes a photo of Bassitt in a Toronto Blue Jays uniform, his name, team, and position (#40 Starting Pitcher). It also lists his physical attributes (HT/WT: 6' 5", 217 lbs), birthdate (2/22/1989, 34), batting/throwing style (Right/Right), birthplace (Toledo, OH), and status (Active). A table shows his 2023 season stats: W-L (11-6), ERA (3.95), K (137), and WHIP (1.24). Navigation tabs for Overview, News, Stats, Bio, Splits, Game Log, and Bat vs Pitch are visible at the bottom.

Chris Bassitt, currently with the Toronto Blue Jays, is a grandson of Robert.

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[Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Henry Opeman Bassett of Georgia](#)

Henry Opeman Bassett descends from #48B Francis Bassett of SC as follows:

Francis Bassett and wife Mary

John Bassett

John Bassett (b. 1785)

Henry Opeman Bassett (b. 1823) and wife Sarah Elizabeth Wilson

Henry Opeman Bassett Jr.



Henry Opeman Bassett circa 1862. Picture provided by Kathy Bassett.

HENRY O. BASSETT.

APRIL 18, 1906.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. FRAZIER, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4323.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4323) for the relief of Henry O. Bassett, heir of Henry Opeman Bassett, deceased, having considered the same, submit the following report:

This claim has several times heretofore received favorable consideration at the hands of this committee and passed the Senate.

The facts of the case are set out in former report of this committee, which report is herewith appended and made a part of this report.

Your committee again recommend that the bill pass.

[Senate Report No. 385, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 623) for the relief of Henry O. Bassett, heir of Henry Opeman Bassett, beg leave to report as follows:

This is a claim for a balance of \$142.59 for services from Henry Opeman Bassett as mail contractor during the early part of 1861. The facts and circumstances are set up in a letter to Senator S. R. Mallory from the Auditor of the Treasury for the Post-Office Department under date of June 5, 1901, the body of the letter being as follows:

"In reply to your letter of May 16, 1901, addressed to the Postmaster-General and by him referred to this office, relative to the claim of the heirs of Henry Opeman Bassett, antebellum mail contractor in Florida, I have the honor to inform you that the records of this office show that Mr. Bassett was contractor on route 6564, Mariana to Bainbridge, from July 1, 1859, at \$1,300 per annum; that he was paid in full to December 31, 1860, and that a balance of \$142.59 stands to his credit for service for the quarter ending March 31, 1861, the date to which service has been certified. Many of his class of claims were paid by the Confederate States Government, but the Confederate records (mutilated) now in the custody of this office do not show, so far as they go, that any payment was made to Mr. Bassett for service under his contract with the United States.

"The only way in which this class of claims can be paid is by special appropriation by Congress for that purpose in each case."

This bill was recommended favorably by the committee and passed the Senate, Fifty-seventh Congress.

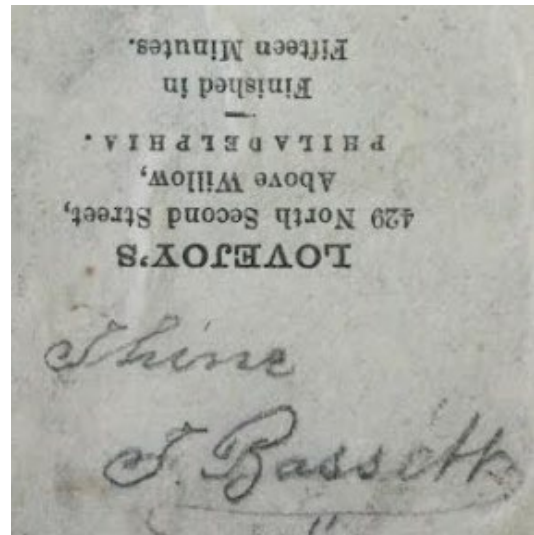
Your committee recommend the passage of the bill.

Section 7 – Featured Bassett: Franklin Bassett Photograph and Mary Bassett Christmas Card

Franklin Bassett descends from #4B William Bassett of Lynn, Massachusetts as follows:

Roger Bassett and Wife Ann Holland  
William Bassett (b. 1624) and wife Sarah Burt  
Elisha Bassett (b. 1649) and wife Elizabeth Collins  
Daniel Bassett (b. 1694) and wife Mary Lawrence  
Daniel Bassett (b. 1722) and wife Sarah Linch  
Nathan Bassett (b. 1764) and wife Sarah Saunders  
Mark Saunders Bassett (b. 1806) and wife Margery Ann Leeds  
Franklin Bassett (b. 1848) and wife Mary Josephine Ford





Pictures provided by Alicia Hagar from a family photo album. She is not sure how her family might be related to these Bassetts.

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

No new families added or combined since the last newsletter.

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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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