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[Section 1 - Welcome](#)

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

554B

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 209,249

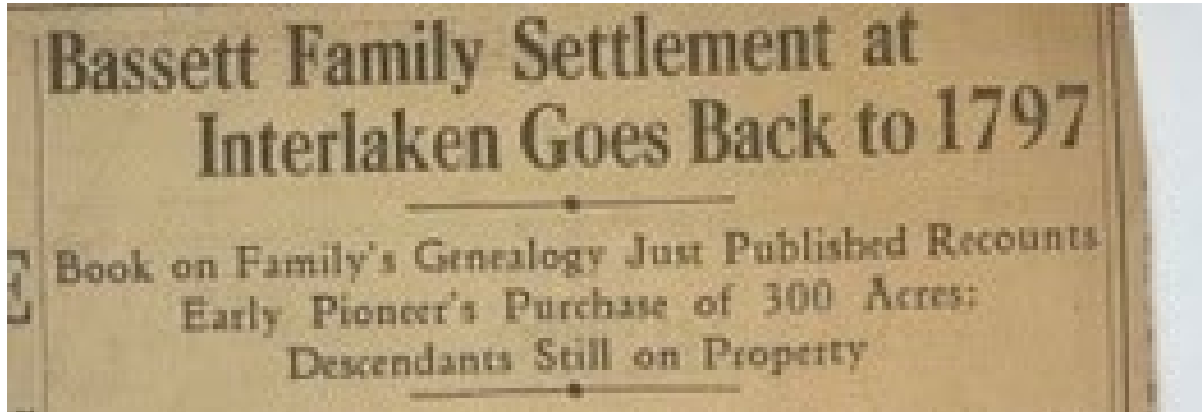


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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: A Bassett Family by Wheeler Amasa Bassett

Wheeler Amasa 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
Robert Bassett (b. 1699) and wife Eunice Clark
Daniel Bassett (b. 1743) and wife Elizabeth Bassett
Lemuel Bassett (b. 1788) and wife Julia Bennett
Wheeler Amasa Bassett (b. 1858)



A newspaper clipping found in the Josiah Colby Bassett collection.

Interlaken, Feb. 2 – The early history and genealogy of the Bassett family, together with a biography and genealogy of Lemuel Bassett and his descendants has been published in book form by Wheeler Bassett of this village. Members of the family live in Rochester.

“The people who settled the Finger Lakes region, and Seneca County in particular, came from Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the counties around New York City.” Mr. Bassett writes. “here and there a family remains, with representatives still living on the same spot of ground prepared by their forbears. As a notable example we may cite the Bassett family.”

Descent of the Bassett family is traced from the Normans, for one Thurstine de Basset came over from Utica, in Normandy, with William the Conqueror when he invaded England. He was grand falconer to the Conqueror and fought by his side in the battle of Hastings, A.D. 1066. Beyond him was Osmond, in 1050 A.D.

Connecticut Origin

The Bassetts in this particular locality trace their history to Connecticut. Lemuel Bassett and his brother, Samuel Bassett, migrated on foot from that state to Seneca County in the early part of the Nineteenth Century, settling on the western part of Lot 41. A few pioneers had come as early as 1797 and located on a spot of ground which eventually became Farmerville, now Interlaken. Daniel Bassett Jr. a brother, came about 1805.

The town now called Covert was first known as Ovid, which comprised the present towns of Covert, Lodi and Ovid, and was divided into 100 lots of approximately 600 acres each. Lot 41 was adjacent to and immediately northwest of Farmerville.

This division of the town into lots resulted as a consequence of the War of the Revolution. For many years the greater portion of Central New York was known as the Onondaga Military Tract. By an act of Congress every soldier and noncommissioned officer who served in the army of the Revolution was granted a hundred acres of bounty land in consideration of such service.

On March 27, 1782, the Legislature of this state resolved to increase this grant to 600 acres for those who served in the New York line. The Albany treaty of 1788-89 extinguished the Indian title to the lands in Central New York east of Seneca Lake, with the exception of a few reservations.

The military lands were immediately located there, and the tract embracing the present counties of Cayuga, Cortland, Seneca, Onondaga, with parts of Wayne, Steuben and Oswego, were laid out into 28 townships, each divided into lots of 600 acres each.

This division was made during 1789, 1790 and 1791. After the war the soldiers "drew" these lots without regard to their location. Many of them were not adapted to the life of a pioneer who would resell for what he could get. In this way thousands of acres fell into the hands of speculators.

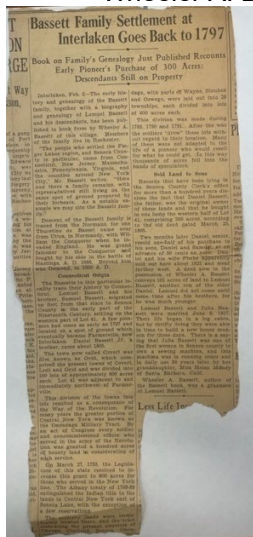
Sold Land to Sons

Records that have been lying in the Seneca County Clerk's office for more than a hundred years disclose the fact that Daniel Bassett, the father, was the original owner of these lands and that he bought in one lump the wester half of Lot 41, comprising 300 acres, according to the old deed dated march 25, 1805.

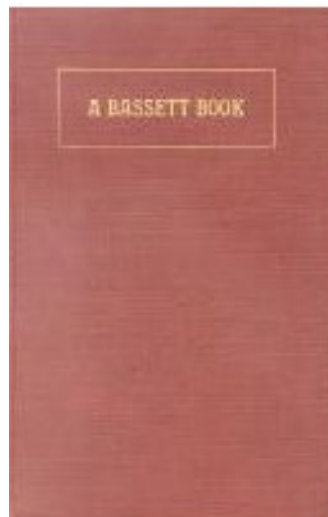
Two months later Daniel, senior, resold one-half of his purchase to his sons, Daniel and Samuel, at an advance of 50 cents and acre. Daniel and his wife Phebe apparently sold out here about 1821 and went farther west. A deed now in the possession of Wheeler A. Bassett conveys 101 acres of land to Lemuel Bassett, another son of the elder Daniel. Lemuel did not come until some time after his brothers, for he was much younger.

Lemuel Bassett and Julia Bennett were married June 9, 1817. Their life began in a log cabin, but by thrifty living they were able in time to build a new house modern for those days. There is a saying that Julia Bassett was one of the first women in Seneca county to own a sewing machine, and this machine was in running order and in daily use 50 years later by her granddaughter, Miss Helen Mundy of Santa Barbara, Calif.

Wheeler A. Bassett, author of A Bassett book, was a grandson of Lemuel Bassett.



Newspaper article



Original copy of the Bassett Book, 1928

Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester, New York
Death Takes W.A. Bassett

Interlaken - Wheeler A. Bassett, 86, retired farmer, died Thursday night. (Feb. 22, 1945), in his home in West End Avenue, after a short illness.

Mr. Bassett was born on July 24, 1858, on a farm south of the village, which has been in the Bassett family since the early part of the 19th Century.

A lifelong resident of this community, Mr. Bassett always took an active part in civic affairs. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bassett celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last January.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Agnes M. Thomas Bassett; three sons, Wilmer Bassett, Monticello, Fla., Henry Bassett, Watkins Glen and Cpl. Thomas Bassett, with the U.S Army in England; two daughters, Mrs. Earl Wilson, Interlaken, and Mrs. Seward Brooks, Hayts Corners; 19 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Four of his grandsons are with the armed forces overseas.

Funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. today in the home by the Rev. George A. Cole Jr., pastor of the Baptist Church, with burial in Lakeview Cemetery.

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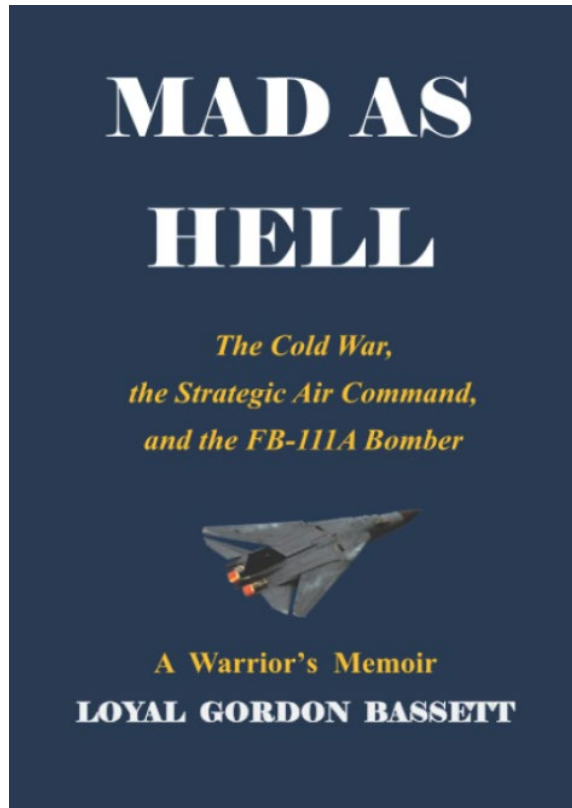
Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Cold War Book written by Loyal Gordon Bassett

Loyal Gordon Bassett 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
William Bassett (b. 1731) and wife Mary Closson
William Bassett (b. 1753) and wife Avis Burdick
Lewis Bassett (b. 1776) and wife Dorcas Hoxie
Samuel Clark Bassett (b. 1811) and wife Zippora Cowan
Louis Lamonte Bassett (b. 1850) and wife Katie Bennett
Louis Warren Bassett (b. 1876) and wife Ada May Wood
Howard Lamonte Bassett (b. 1909)
Loyal Gordon Bassett (b. 1941)

Loyal Gordon has written a book about the Cold War, the Strategic Air Command and the FB-11A Bomber.

"MAD AS HELL" is a memoir describing the Cold War, the United States Air Force's Strategic Air Command (SAC) and the rarely recognized strategic nuclear weapons bomber – the two-man FB-111A aircraft. Events take place between 1975 and 1979. The title is a double entendre referring to the wartime strategy of "Mutual Assured Destruction (MAD)." It is written by a former US Air Force career officer who piloted the bomber and is a Cold War warrior. In Part I, he writes about the United States' Cold War strategies, the wartime organizations, the role and tools of its deterrent forces, the training, and the experiences of the FB-111A crews who would serve as the leading spear for a nuclear weapons conflict. In Part II, the author turns to a fictional, very realistic, narrative about the FB-111A as its two "Crew Dogs" fly their nuclear bomb-loaded war machine to destroy enemy targets.



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[Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Minnie Maria Bassett of Spokane, Washington](#)

Minnie Maria 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
Jonadab Bassett (b. 1695) and wife Mary Phippeny
Benjamin Bassett (b. 1725) and wife Deborah Edwards
John Bassett (b. 1755) and wife Hepsibeth Buckingham
John Bassett (b. 1792) and wife Maria Lewis
Wilber Fisk Bassett (b. 1829) and wife Adelia Lenora Lewis
Minnie Maria Bassett (b. 1872)

The Spokesman-Review, Spokane, Washington, Thursday, 24 July 2008
Minnie Maria Bassett
Clear Spot in Field Marks Child's Grave

There is a field of barley a few miles outside Four Lakes along Granite Lake Road. In the distance, a field of winter wheat slopes up a hillside, interrupted only by a 50-foot spot of open space that has been left undisturbed for more than a century.

Crops have been planted all around but never over that particular piece of land. That open space is the gravesite of Minnie Maria Bassett, a little girl who drowned in a nearby spring in the summer of 1873. She was just a year-

and-a-half old.

"It's a good thing, preserving the grave," said Jerry Johnson, who farms the surrounding land owned by his mother-in-law, Lorraine McMillan.

Minnie was born Jan. 2, 1872, in a cabin on the south side of the Spokane River near where the Post Street Bridge now stands in downtown Spokane. Historical accounts state that she was the first white child born "at Spokane Falls, Washington Territory." She was the daughter of Wilbur Fisk Bassett, a prospector, carpenter and millwright who discovered gold in the Clearwater district in Idaho near Orofino in 1860, helped build the first sawmill in Spokane, farmed in the Four Lakes-Cheney area and is credited with naming Granite, Silver and Clear lakes.

When Minnie was still a baby, the family moved to a cabin built by her father on the same hillside where she is buried. That cabin, destroyed by fire in about 1884, was about 100 yards from a spring which has been known as Bassett Spring since the family homesteaded there.

The spring, surrounded by a cluster of trees, is historically significant for two reasons. It was the site where Col. George Wright and 700 soldiers camped in 1858 the night before engaging a group of Coeur d'Alene, Palouse and Spokane Indians in what was known as the Battle of Four Lakes. It is also the spring where Minnie drowned.

Herman S. Bassett, Minnie's older brother, lived into old age and was the publisher of the Harrington Citizen for 52 years. In 1953, local historian and school teacher E.T. Becher wrote a history of the Bassett family, largely based on interviews with Herman Bassett, in The Spokesman-Review. In the account, Bassett remembers his sister's death:

"The soil had not been broken, and the native unplowed ground toward the spring constituted a virtual flower garden at that time of year. Minnie loved to pick these flowers, and to play amongst them □ (when Minnie couldn't be found) the search finally led to the spring, the child was found floating on the surface, together with a considerable number of flowers which she had been holding in her hand before she fell in. It is thought that Minnie got into trouble either by noticing her reflection in the water, or that she was attempting to put the flowers in water, when she tripped and fell in."

Bassett noted that their father carved Minnie's initials into a headstone he fashioned from a piece of granite retrieved from nearby Granite Lake. That marker still stands above the grave.

Becher □ author of "Spokane Corona, Eras & Empires," which chronicles development of the region □ taught at Rogers High School in Spokane. In 1956 his history class constructed a 3-foot rock wall encircling the grave site to protect and help preserve it for the future. A newspaper account notes that the students had to carry in sand, cement and water for the job and that they placed a bronze tablet at the site commemorating Minnie.

"To the consideration given to Minnie Maria's grave □ by each succeeding owner of the land, much has been done to preserve this spot for its historical significance, and we appreciate it," Herman Bassett was quoted as saying.

Looking up at the grave from his fields today, farmer Jerry Johnson said that

sometimes people interested in regional history stop by and ask about the grave. He and his wife Judy McMillan don't mind.

And sometimes they take people up there. But only after harvest.

Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Death of Glen Irwin Bassett of Canada

Glen Irwin Bassett descends from #33B Thomas Bassett of Hints as follows:

Thomas Bassett of Hints
Edward Bassett (b. 1545) and wife Jane Lynne
Walter Bassett (b. 1567) and wife Sconsolate Greville
Thomas Bassett (b. 1599) and wife Jane Holden
Thomas Bassett (b. 1633) and wife Katherine
Bartholow Bassett (b. 1677) and wife Mary
Edward Bassett (b. 1719) and wife Sarah
Thomas Bassett and wife Elizabeth Pickin
Jesse Bassett (b. 1787) and wife Elizabeth
Joseph Bassett (b. 1824) and wife Elizabeth Turner
Charles W. Bassett (b. 1857) and wife Fanny H. Tschudi
Frank James Bassett (b. 1880) and wife Stella Mae Schmidt
Harvey Glen Bassett (born 1903) and wife Hazel Ellen Fellers
Glen Irwin Bassett (b. 1938)

Alaska Highway News/Dawson Creek Mirror, 23 August 2023
Glen Irwin Bassett

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of GLEN IRWIN BASSETT, a resident of Dawson Creek, British Columbia, on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at the age of 84 years.

Glen passed away at the Dawson Creek and District Hospital with family at his side.

Glen grew up on a farm in Upper Cutbank, British Columbia (south of Dawson Creek), with his parents Harvey and Hazel Bassett.

He and his twin sister Glenda were the oldest in the family, followed by Teresa, Irene, Raymond, Leonard, and Cheryl. He drove a team of horses on a sled 2 1/2 miles to get his younger siblings to the local school, building a fire in the wood heater to warm the school up. He started grade 8 in Dawson Creek, but soon went home to help out and work in the family logging operations. Glen took over the farm when his mother and father separated. In 1959, Glen became interested in a nearby farm girl, Eva Jerome. They married in July of 1960. She continued her teaching career while they raised three sons, Frank, Jesse, and Steve. Glen continued to expand the farm by buying neighbouring bush quarters then clearing, plowing, and haying them. By 1973 he was able to start ranching by buying 50 bred heifers and continued to increase his herd to over 200 by the early 2000s. He played a large role in the Bear Mountain Grazing Association and represented it in local and provincial meetings.

Glen continued his ranch life until Parkinsons's left him unable to do all the work. He then sold out and retired to Dawson Creek. There he began activities at the local Senior Citizens Hall, along with bowling and playing card games with family and friends.

Glen leaves behind his wife Eva; sons Frank (Rhonda), Jesse, Steve (Michele);

eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and many other family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who loved him.

A private family service was held at Reynars Funeral Chapel on Saturday, May 6, 2023. Pauline Haycock officiated, and the eulogy was read by his nephew Howard Bassett.

For friends so wishing, donations may be made in memory of Glen to the Dawson Creek & District Hospital Foundation, 11100 - 13 Street, Dawson Creek, British Columbia, V1G 3W8.

Very Respectfully, Reynars Funeral Home and Crematorium

Section 6 – Featured Bassett: Death of Richard Bassett of Kalispell, Montana

Richard Bassett descends from #38B James Bassett as follows:

James Bassett (b. 1797) and wife Rachel Suttan
James Martin Bassett (b. 1816) and wife Elmira M. Warren
Byron Bassett (b. 1847) and wife Lorenzo Jane Leach
Janes Ira Bassett (b. 1866) and wife Catherine Aurelia Gunn
Homer Bassett (b. 1909) and wife Edith Grace Smith
Richard Bassett (b. 1940)

Daily Inter Lake, Kalispell, Montana, Wednesday, 6 September 2023
Richard "Dick" Bassett, 82

Richard "Dick" Bassett, 82, OSC USN/USNR (retired) died peacefully surrounded by his family on Aug. 29, 2023, after a brief battle with cancer and cirrhosis of the liver.

He was born in Ellensburg, Washington on Oct. 3, 1940 to Grace and Homer (Skip) Bassett and joined older sister Carol. He spent his early years in Spokane Valley, Washington until he joined the Navy in March 1959.

He met his wife Ann in Oakland, California and they married in 1964. He served as Active Duty from 1959 until 1965 when he and Ann welcomed their daughter Julie.

After leaving the Navy, he worked for Chervon Oil Company. This job moved Dick and his family from Oakland, to Puyallup and Aberdeen, Washington to Fairbanks, Alaska. In 1973, Dick bought the Chevron Service Station in Enumclaw, Washington, where they stayed until 2012, after a brief stint in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

After he sold the service station, he worked many different jobs from Bear Automotive to delivering beer, to selling espresso machines, to working as an OSHA compliance officer for Applus. In 2012, they followed their daughter and her family to the Flathead Valley.

While in Enumclaw, he reenlisted in the Navy as a Reservist in 1983 and served in the Reserves until he retired at 60 in Oct. 2000. He would tell you, "I wasn't a very good student, but I was a damn good sailor."

During his time in the Navy, he served on the USS Ranger CVA-61, USS Conquest MSO-488, Carrier Group Five, USS Kitty Hawk CV-63 and Carrier Group Three. He

also received numerous awards during his years of service including; the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Naval Reserve Meritorious Service (5), Naval Defense Service Medal, and the Navy Reserve Sea Service Ribbon.

He was not only a decorated sailor, but a dedicated husband, beloved father and grandfather. He spent the years after they arrived in Montana caring for his wife as she battled Parkinson's until her death in early 2022.

He loved being close to his daughter, grandchildren and great-grandson, he enjoyed attending numerous concerts and sporting events over the years. He was a constant figure in his grandchildren's lives, introducing them to quality coffee and a love of old movies and instilling in them an unwavering respect and appreciation for our service men and women. The lasting impression he left on his family will never leave them and will sorely be missed.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Grace and Homer (Skip); his sister, Carol; and his beloved wife, Ann.

He is survived by his daughter, Julie (Rick); his step-sons; Dan (Marlinda) and Alan; his grandchildren, Samantha (Christopher), James, Melissa, Rickie, Michelle and Julia; and his great-grandchildren, Scott, Shelby, Sidney, William, Caleb, Jacob, Ben and Henry.

A memorial service with reception will be held at 1 p.m. on Sept. 9, at First Presbyterian Church, 540 S. Main St., Kalispell.

The family asks that you please wear your "red, white and blue" if you can.

Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home.

[Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Lester Glenn Bassett photograph](#)

Lester Glenn Bassett descends from #87B William Bassett as follows:

William Bassett (b. 1796) and wife Jane Pelham
Edward Ulysses Bassett (b. 1822) and wife Sarah Ann Mortimore
John William Bassett (b. 1848) and wife Ardelia Fleming
Benjamin Birtram Bassett (b. 1875) and wife Elizabeth Carolina Oslin
Lester Glenn Bassett 9b. 1911)

This is Lester Glen Bassett. We think this is the 4th child of Bert and Elizabeth.

Not a lot is known about Lester. He seems to have been the "wild one" of the family and after adulthood didn't keep in contact with any family member at all. This picture is signed Lester and Lucille, who must have been his 2nd wife.

He was first married to Fern Barnhart and they had 4 children together. Lester and Fern divorced, I always heard she had mental problems and was put in a mental hospital, but whether this is true or not I am not certain. Anyway the children were all put in foster homes for a while and later they were all adopted out. At this time Lester left and for years he was rarely ever heard from. I remember seeing him only 1 time, I was around 8 or 9 yrs old. He came to Moberly to visit Ninnie, his mother and grandma Enyart, his sister. They hadn't seen him in years and I remember everyone was so excited, Lester was coming home!!! Ninnie was just beside herself, she hadn't see or heard from him in years.

Everyone had a real good visit, and he seemed elated to see everyone, but after he left to my knowledge he never contacted the family again. The last we knew of him he was living in National City, CA. We have no birth or death dates, we can only guess what may have happened to him.

Maybe someday we will get more information on him, hopefully.



*Lester
Lucille*

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

No family lines 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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