

Bassett Family Newsletter, Volume XXIII, Issue 2, 16 Feb 2025

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Section 1 - Welcome

I have received a whole box of material from Virginia Davis from her distant line of the Bassett family. I will feature some of these items during the coming months.

Several of the original participants in the Bassett Y-DNA project have passed away in the past few months. I will include obituaries for several of them this month and next month.

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 214,376

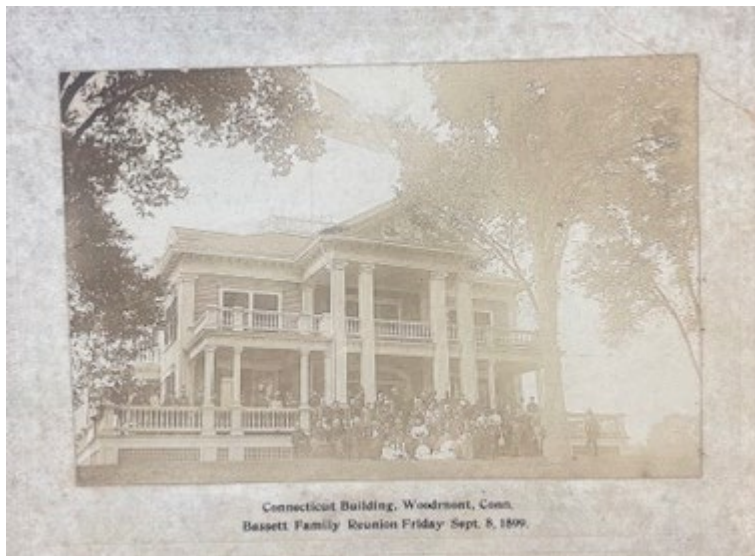
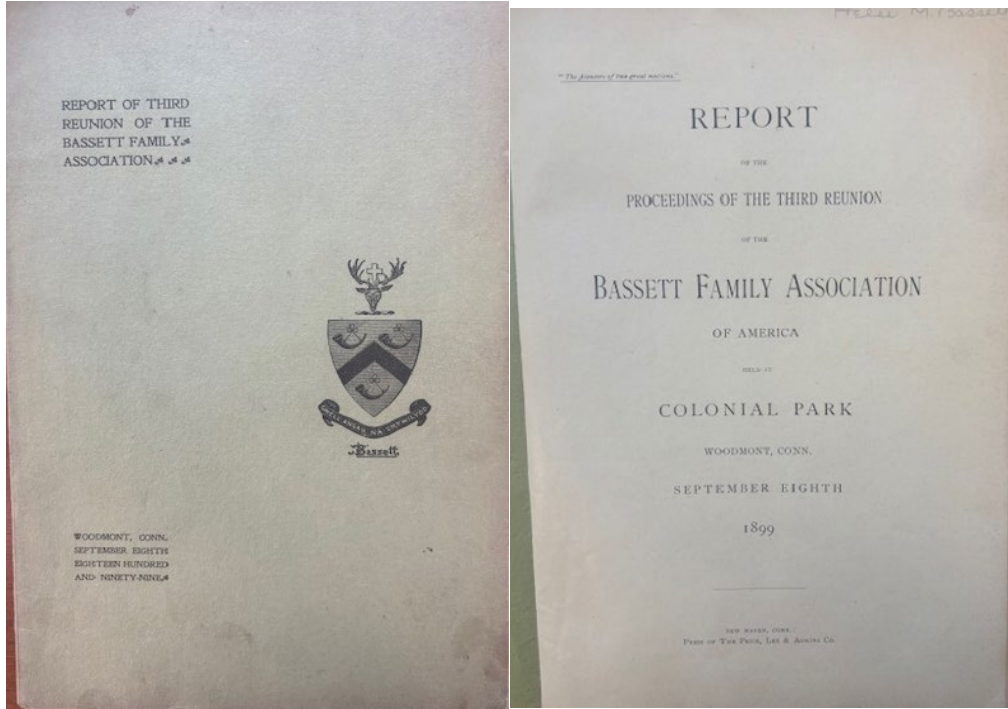
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Pictured identified as Wilfred Bassett, but I have not yet placed him.

Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Photograph of the 1899 Bassett Family Reunion in Connecticut

The Third Reunion of the Bassett Family Association took place on 8 September 1899. Included in the Virginia Davis Bassett material was the reunion booklet and a photograph of the Connecticut Building, Woodmont, Connecticut from Friday Sept. 8, 1899.

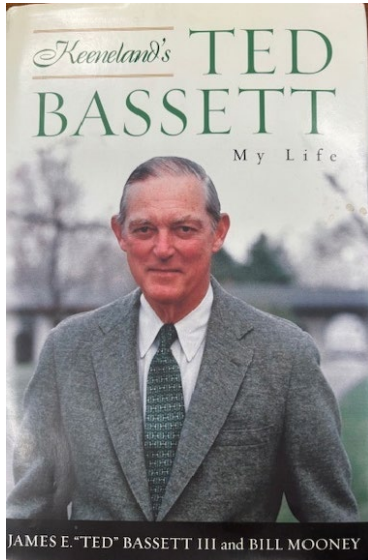


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### Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Death of James Edward Bassett III of Kentucky

James Edward Bassett III descends from #8B John Bassett of New Jersey as follows:

John Bassett of New Jersey  
Amos Bassett (b. 1760) and wife Susan Stout  
Isaac Bassett (b. 1797) and wife Sarah Disher  
Squire Bassett (b. 1824) and wife Elizabeth Slaughter  
James Edward Bassett (B. 1860) and wife Katharine Stanhope  
James Edward Bassett Jr. (b. 1896) and wife Jan Brooker  
James Edward Bassett III (b. 1921)



James with Queen Elizabeth II, Lord Porchester and Lucy Bassett his wife

Lexington Herald-Leader, Kentucky, 25 January 2025

James E. Bassett III

October 26, 1921 - January 23, 2025

Midway, Kentucky - Lexington James E. (Ted) Bassett III, age 103, died on January 23, 2025, after a short illness. He was born on October 26, 1921, the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. James E. Bassett, Jr. of Lexington, KY. He was the husband of the late Lucy Alexander Gay. They were married Dec 2, 1950, at Christ Church in Lexington, KY.

He graduated from the Kent School, Kent, CT, in 1941, lettering in football, baseball, basketball (captain) and awarded the coveted Columbia Cup. He graduated from Yale in 1944. During his undergraduate days he was President of Delta Kappa Epsilon, member of Scroll & Key, Torch Honor Society, varsity basketball, Yale Record, Pundits, Interfraternity Council and Yale Cheerleader. President of the Yale alumni association of KY (1957-59).

He enlisted in the US Marine Corps, as a private and discharged as a 1st lieutenant after participating in the Okinawa campaign and the initial landing in Japan. For his marine service he was awarded two Purple Hearts, the Presidential Unit Citation, the USMC Semper Fidelis award (1990) and the US Navy Superior Service award (2010), the Congressional Medal of Honor Society Distinguished Citizen (2011), served as Chairman of the Marine Corps Coordinating Council of KY (2005-15).

He served as President of Keeneland Association (1971-86), Chairman (1986-2001), and Trustee (1995-2006).

He was President of the Breeders' Cup (1986-1996), Chairman of the World Racing Championships (1996-2004), President of the Thoroughbred Racing Associations (1985-1986), Chairman of the KY Horse Park (1980-1983), member of the Jockey Club, Steward (1993-97). Honorary member of the Victoria Racing Club (Australia) and the Associations of the Jockey Clubs of Latin America. Chairman of the UK Equine Research Foundation (1986-89).

He served as Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety (1956-67) under governors Chandler, Combs and Breathitt; and as the Director of the Kentucky State Police (1964-67).

He received many awards including the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame, Eclipse Award of Merit, Department of Navy Superior Public Ser- James Edward "Ted" Bassett, III vice Award, Congressional medal of Honor Society Distinguished Citizen Award and the English Lord Darby award.

Honorary degrees: Eastern KY University Doctor of Law (1976), Transylvania University Doctor of Law (1987). University of Kentucky Doctor of Law (1993).

Awards: Eclipse Award Of Merit (1996), Thoroughbred Club Honored Guest(1984), trustee American Horse Council (1985-87), National Turf Writers (1986), Lord Derby (1998), KY Athletic Hall Of Fame (1995), Transylvania Medal (1985), W H May(1997), The Galbreath (1999), Bluegrass Business Hall Of Fame (1992), Chandler Foundation (2000), KY Derby Festival Silver Award (2005), Layman Of The Year (2006), KTA Humanitarian (2008), Sanders Brown (2010), Lexington Philanthropist of the Year (2011), Midway University Il Pinkerton Vision Award (2023). He is survived by his sister-in-law Anne Pinckney Gay, his nieces Elizabeth Gay Freeman (George), Charlotte Gay Stites (John Clay), Anne Gay Donworth, his nephew James E. "Ted" Gay (Alyson), great nephews Reid Freeman (Liza), Will Freeman, Woods Freeman, Harrison Stites, Stewart Stites and James Bassett Gay, great nieces Elizabeth Stites, Maggie Donworth, Lucy Donworth and Elizabeth Gay.

He is also survived by his god daughter Holly Widemann and his many friends, including those from Keeneland, Breeders Cup, the State Police, the Marine Corps and his wonderful caregivers.

Honorary casket bearers: Edward Armento, James Edward "Ted" Gay, D.G. Van Clief, David Ewadinger, John Maddox, George Freeman, John Clay Stites, Richie Donworth, Reid Freeman, Will Freeman, Woods Freeman, Harrison Stites, Stewart Stites, James Bassett Gay.

Visitation to be held at the Keeneland Clubhouse on Monday, January 27, 2025, from 3-7 pm. Funeral service at Central Christian Church, 205 East Short Street, Lexington, KY Tuesday, January 28 at 11 am, with private family graveside ceremony at the Lexington Cemetery to follow.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Kentucky Blood Center, the Gluck Equine Research Foundation or the organization of your choice.

Milward Broadway is entrusted with Mr. Bassett's arrangements. To share a remembrance of Ted or to offer condolences to his family, please visit [milwardfuneral.com](http://milwardfuneral.com) to sign the tribute portion of his obituary page.

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Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Albert Anderson Bassett running for City Council

Albert Anderson Bassett descends from #13B Richard William Bassett of Maryland as follows:


Richard William Bassett (b. 1760) and wife Ann  
Richard Bassett (b. 1800) and wife Elizabeth Langley  
Thomas Jefferson Bassett (b. 1834) and wife Jane Freeman  
Thomas Jefferson Bassett (b. 1874) and wife Sarah Clementine Gladney  
Albert Anderson Bassett (b. 1898)

We Urge the People of LaGrange to Elect  
**ALBERT BASSETT**  
ONE OF YOUR NEXT CITY COUNCILMEN  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20**

Albert Bassett is fifty years of age, a native of Troup County, and has been a resident of LaGrange for the past thirty-four years. His record of citizenship authorizes us to attest to seven qualities every good Councilman should have.

ALBERT BASSETT HAS A RECORD OF BEING—

1. Progressive
2. Honest
3. Moral
4. A Church Supporter
5. A Civic Worker
6. Successful in Business
7. Capable



*Isn't this good*

THE PEOPLE OF LAGRANGE NEED TO BE REPRESENTED ON THE CITY COUNCIL BY MATURE, ABLE, AND PROGRESSIVE MEN.  
WE URGE THE PEOPLE OF LAGRANGE TO CAST THEIR BALLOT FOR  
**ALBERT BASSETT**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20**

Paid political advertisement by Friends of Albert Bassett.

LaGrange Daily News, 18 Sep 1952  
A.A. Bassett  
Bassett Services To Be Held Today

Albert A. Bassett, 54, local justice of peace and transfer company owner, died yesterday around 12:45 p.m. at City-County Hospital. Mr. Bassett had been seriously ill for several weeks following a heart attack.

He was elected Justice of Peace only last spring and became ill two months after assuming office.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at the First Methodist church at 4 p.m. The Rev. John Tate will officiate, assisted by the Rev. John Wilson. Pallbearers will be Grady Fowler, Tom Rutland, P.T. Hipp, Jon Carley, Joe Thrash, and Harry Spikes.

Burial will be at Shadowlawn with Groover and Barnette in charge.

Mr. Bassett was a member of the First Methodist Church, Lodge 1804 B.P.O. Elks, and the Kiwanis club. Prior to his illness, he had a seven year perfect record of attendance at Kiwanis.

Mr. Bassett started his transfer company 25 years ago with a one-horse wagon hauling freight in LaGrange, where he was born and reared. He had lived here all his life.

He is survived by his wife Maude Jackson Bassett, LaGrange; one daughter, Mrs. John McCarthy, Pacific Grove, Calif., one son, Melton Bassett, LaGrange; his stepmother, Mrs. Mae Monroe Bassett, LaGrange; four sisters, Mrs. C.C. Smith, Mrs. James A. Knight, and Mrs. H.H. Mathews all of LaGrange, and Mrs. Charles L. Seacord, Bradenton, Fla.; three brothers, J.T. and Richard Bassett, LaGrange, and Marvin V. Bassett, Atlanta; and four grandchildren.

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[Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Death of Peter Norton Bassett of Polo, Illinois \(1894\)](#)

Peter Norton 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 Huckins  
Samuel Bassett (b. 1693) and wife Martha Pease  
Cornelius Bassett (b. 1722) and wife Lydia Norton  
Ebenezer Bassett (b. 1751) and wife Abigail Adams  
Peter Norton Bassett (b. 1782) and wife Martha Wilbur  
Peter Norton Bassett (b. 1824) and wife Ellen Wolcott

### **Fatal Accident to an Early Settler.**

Last Tuesday death came suddenly to Peter Bassett, of this township. That morning he had his help picking apples on his farm, and repeatedly cautioned them to take no risks. About 9 o'clock he went to the orchard and climbed up about twelve feet in a tree to help, when suddenly he pitched forward and fell to the ground, striking heavily on his face and head. At first those who saw him fall thought him dead. He was carried at once to the house and Dr. Burns hastily summoned. He partially regained consciousness for a short time but spoke only a few words and died of internal injuries a few hours after the fall. The funeral was held Thursday morning, at the Methodist church, Rev. A. M. White, of Chicago, one of his former pastors, officiating. The church was filled with the friends won by a worthy life. His sons from Nebraska were permitted to be in attendance with the rest of the family, at the funeral.

Peter Bassett was born in Andes, Delaware county, N. Y., almost seventy years ago. In 1844 he came to Buffalo Grove and his home has been here during the fifty years that have intervened.

The Ogle County Press, Polo, Illinois, Saturday, 13 October 1894

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## Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Death of William Wallace Bassett

William Wallace Bassett descends from #48B Francis Bassett of South Carolina as follows:

Francis Bassett

John Bassett

John Bassett (b. 1785)

John William Bassett (b. 1817) and wife Martha Ann Corley

James Russell Bassett (b. 1845) and wife Martha Virginia Hamlin

William Bowden Bassett (b. 1875) and wife Sarah Jane Harper

Albert Grady Bassett (b. 1906) and wife Gladys Louise Hardison

William Wallace Bassett (b. 1941)

McCullough Funeral Home, 19 December 2024  
William Wallace Bassett

William Wallace Bassett, beloved educator, coach, and community leader, passed away on December 18, 2024, at the age of 83. He was born on March 24, 1941, in Houston, Texas, to the late Grady and Gladys Hardison Bassett. Wally's life was one marked by an unwavering dedication to excellence, service, and love for his community. After graduating from high school, he signed with the Philadelphia Phillies, a promising start to what would be a storied career in sports. Though a significant elbow injury led to his early retirement from professional baseball, Wally's passion for athletics continued throughout his life.

He attended Georgia Southwestern College, where he lettered in three sports, and later went on to Troy University, where he excelled in two sports, including football—despite having never played the game before. His commitment to learning and his athleticism earned him recognition as a scholar-athlete, and he ultimately earned his master's degree from the University of Georgia.

Wally's teaching career spanned decades, shaping the lives of countless students and athletes in the Houston County area. He began as a coach at Northside High School in 1965, where he led the football program until 1972. His leadership and passion for the game were evident, and his influence left a lasting mark on the students and athletes he mentored.

In 1973, Wally transitioned into educational administration, serving as Assistant Principal at Warner Robins Junior High. The following year, he became Principal at Centerville Elementary School, where he would serve with distinction from 1975 until his retirement in 2005. Under his guidance, Centerville Elementary became a trailblazer, becoming the first school in the district to embrace computer technology. Wally's visionary leadership helped shape the school into one of the finest in the area, and his legacy of excellence was recognized with numerous honors, including: the 1998 Georgia School Bell Winner, the 1998 Georgia School of Excellence, the 1999 National Blue Ribbon School, the 2003 National Distinguished Principal (NAESP), and the 2004 UGA Mary Frances Early College of Education - Lifetime Achievement Award.

Wally was an active member of various educational associations, including the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL), the Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals (GAESP), and the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP). His work in education extended beyond the classroom, as he also served on the board of the HEA Credit Union, including a term as president, and played a key role in the construction of



their new credit union building. Wally was also a devoted member of Centerville Baptist Church.

Away from his professional life, Wally was a man of many passions. He enjoyed playing golf, participating in adult softball leagues, and had a lifelong love for cars, motorcycles, guns, and guitars. His enthusiasm for music was well-known, and he cherished the opportunity to play and share his love for it with others. Additionally, Wally had a special talent for videoing weddings, a hobby he pursued with great joy as he captured the most special moments for couples to cherish forever.

Wally's warmth, humor, and dedication to his family, friends, and community will be dearly missed.

In addition to his parents, Wally was preceded in death by his brother, Grady Bassett, Jr. and his grandson Brett Mead.

His memory will forever be treasured by his loving wife, Andrea Bassett; children, Troy Bassett (Amy) of Watkinsville, Georgia, and Leigh Healey (Mark) of Byron, Georgia; grandchildren, Carsyn Bassett of Watkinsville, Georgia, and Kaleb Mead (Meredith) of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and sister, Frances McDaniel of Byron, Georgia.

Visitation will be on Saturday, December 28, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., at McCullough Funeral Home with a funeral service immediately following in the chapel. Afterward, Wally will be laid to rest privately.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully suggests memorial donations be given in memory of William Wallace "Wally" Bassett to Friendship Baptist Church Building Fund or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital by visiting <https://www.stjude.org/donate>.

Go to [www.mcculloughfh.com](http://www.mcculloughfh.com) to sign the Online Registry for the family. McCullough Funeral Home and Crematory has the privilege of being entrusted with these arrangements.

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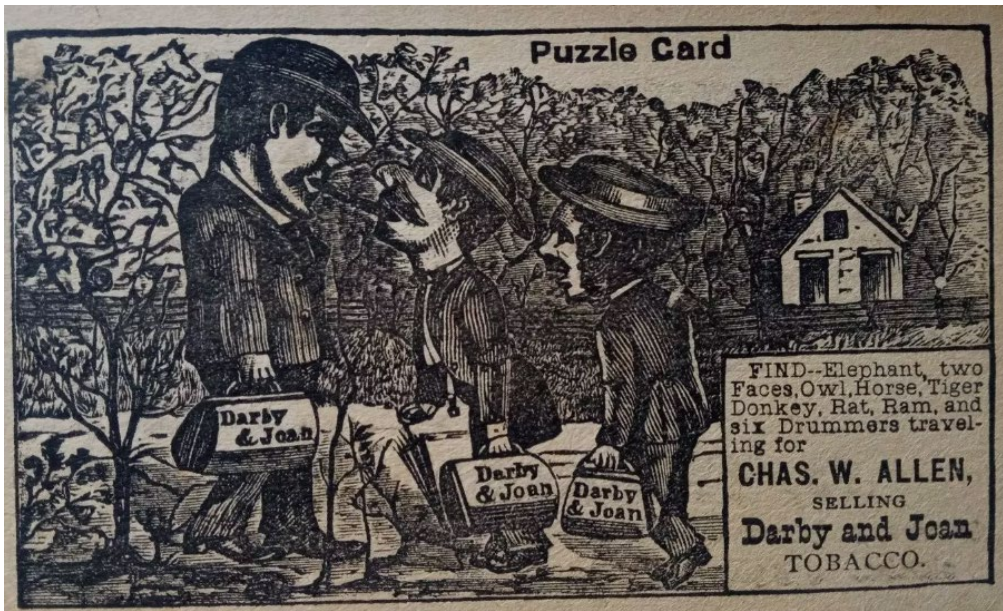
**Section 7 - Featured Bassett: O. Bassett & Son, Grocers and Butchers, Milan, Ohio**

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

- William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
- William Bassett (b. 1624) and wife Mary Raynesford
- William Bassett (b. 1656) and wife Rachel Willison
- Nathan Bassett (b. 1685) and wife Mary Stetson
- Joshua Bassett (b. 1723) and wife Martha McCarroll
- Cornelius Bassett (b. 1755) and wife Chloe Smith
- Ira Bassett (b. 1791) and wife Mary Hand
- Orlando Bassett (b. 1830) and wife Mary Elizabeth Schaeffer

1900 United States Federal Census for Orlando I Bassett																
Ohio > Erie > Milan > District 0036																
Num. in Family	Name	Relation to Head	Race	Sex	Birth Month	Birth Year	Age	Marital St.	Years Mar.	Children	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Immig. Year	Natural.	Occupation
332	Edward J. Bassett	Head	W.	M.	June	1828	71	M	44	5	Ohio	Conn.	N.Y.			Retired Merchant
333	Mary Elizabeth Schaeffer	Wife	W.	F.	Aug	1836	63	M	44	4	Ohio	Conn.	N.Y.			

1900 Federal Census of Milan, Erie County, Ohio. Orlando, aged 70 years, is listed as a retired Merchant.



CHICAGO, 1883.

**DEAR SIR:** The **DARBY AND JOAN PLUG TOBACCO** is for  
 sale by all good merchants in your State. It is a first-class Tobacco,  
 manufactured from the very best Kentucky Leaf. Please give it a  
 trial and write me, giving your opinion of its quality in chew, sweet-  
 ness, and flavor. If you will save the **TIN TAGS** attached to each 2 oz.  
 piece until you get **SIXTEEN** and **RETURN THEM TO YOUR DEALER**, he will  
 forward them to me with your address, and I will send you in ex-  
 change by mail a package of my new brand of Smoking Tobacco called  
**"MOZART,"** manufactured from Sun-Cured North Carolina Tobacco.

Yours truly,

**CHARLES W. ALLEN,**  
 N.-W. Cor. Canal and Monroe-Sts.

**O. Basset & Son,**  
 Grocers, Butchers, and Provision Dealers. Oysters and Poultry Spe-  
 cialties. 3 Kelly's Block, **MILAN, O.**

O. Basset & Son Trading Card



O. Basset Trading Card, Milan, Ohio

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

No new lines added and no lines 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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