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[Section 1 - Welcome](#)

I have included several obituaries from several early DNA project participants this month. I will also start to feature an article each month from the Homer Franklin Bassett collection.

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 214,694

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Street Banner in Dunedin, Florida

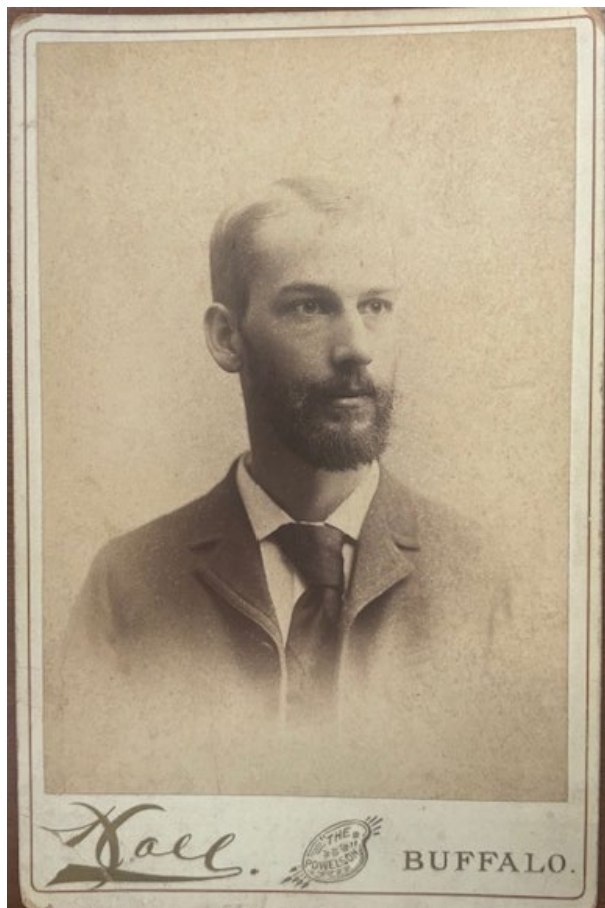
Section 2 – Featured Bassett: Frank Abbott Bassett Obituary and Photograph

Frank Abbott Bassett descends from #6B William Bassett of Connecticut as follows:

William Bassett and wife Hannah (Dickerman) Ives
John Bassett (b. 1652) and Mercy Todd
Joseph Bassett (b. 1697) and wife Miriam Bradley
Abel Bassett (b. 1728) and wife Miriam
Lemuel Bassett and wife Patience Walter
Ezra Bassett (b. 1774) and wife Sarah Blodgett
Ezra Bassett (b. 1799) and wife Keziah Witt
Homer Franklin Bassett (b. 1826) and wife Lovina Alcott
Frank Abbott Bassett (b.1867)

The Waterbury Democrat, Connecticut, Monday 7 December 1891
Frank A. Bassett

Frank A. Bassett, son of Homer Franklin Bassett, died Saturday evening of tuberculosis, at his home on Cook street. For ten years he resided in Chicopee, Mass, and during the last year for a time lived in Buffalo. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock tomorrow.



Picture of Frank Abbott Bassett from the Homer F. Bassett collection

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Section 3 – Featured Bassett: Bassett & Talbert Thermometer, Delphi, Indiana

Frederick Winfield Bassett descends from #56B Jonathan Bassett of New York as follows:

Jonathan Bassett and wife Amy Finch
John Bassett (b. 1779) and wife Anna Parker
Barzilla Bassett (b. 1826) and wife Eliza Jane Pittenger
Ira Mead Bassett (b. 1861) and wife Eva Sargent
Frederick Winfield Bassett (b. 1896) and wife Maurine

The Pharos-Tribune, Logansport, Indiana, Monday, 9 June 1956
Frederick Bassett, Delphi, Succumbs

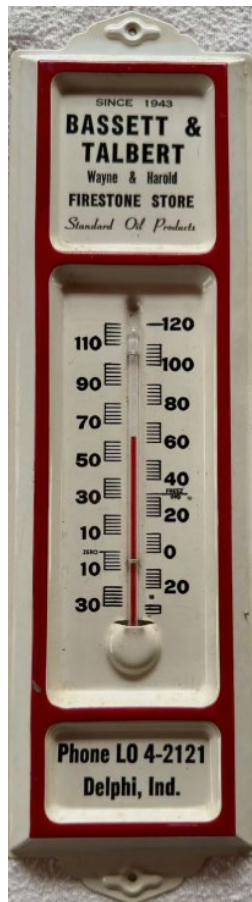
DELPHI - Frederick W. Bassett, 64, of South Wabash street, died of a heart attack at 11 p.m. Sunday in Tower, Minn., where he was spending his vacation.

A native of Illinois, he was the former owner of Bassett's service station in Delphi and before that had operated a service station in Monticello.

He was a veteran of World War I, a member of the Presbyterian church,, Delphi I.O.O.F, American Legion, and the 40 and 8.

Surviving are the wife, Maureen, whom he married in 1918; and a brother, Frank, of Hazelhurst, Wisc.

The body is being returned to the Elkenberry funeral home. Rites are pending.



Bassett & Talbert Thermometer for sale on Ebay

White County Times, Monticello, Indiana, Friday, 3 November 1944

Through a deal closed last week Fred Bassett has sold his one-half interest in the Bassett & Talbert gasoline service station and Firestone store in Delphi to Harold Talbert, brother of Wayne Talbert, the other owner of the firm. Mr. Bassett is a former resident of Monticello having operated a tire store in the corner of the Old Commercial block before it was remodeled.

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Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Death of Byron Cecil Bassett of South Dakota (2025)

Byron Cecil Bassett descends from #6B William Bassett of Connecticut as follows:

William Bassett and wife Hannah (Dickerman) Ives
Samuel Bassett (b. 1654) and wife Mary Dickerman
Samuel Bassett (b. 1687) and wife Elizabeth Humiston
Samuel Bassett (b. 1728) and wife Abigail Bradley
Samuel Bassett (b. 1752) and wife Katharine Tuttle
Lyman Bassett (b. 1787) and wife Sally Sanford
Thomas Sanford Bassett (b. 1815) and wife Elizabeth Heltibidal
George Alanson Bassett (b. 1843) and wife Emma Jerusha Huggins
Sanford Martin Bassett (b. 1871) and wife Elizabeth Jane Coon
Floyd Byron Bassett (b. 1901) and wife Garnett Ventia Bevier
Byron Cecil Bassett (b. 1936)

Capital Journal, Pierre, South Dakota, Monday, 3 February 2025
Byron Cecil Bassett
January 28, 1936 - January 31, 2025

Byron Cecil Bassett, passed away Friday, January 31, 2025, just three days following his 89th birthday.

A memorial visitation and fellowship time will be held 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday, February 9, 2025 at Feigum Funeral Home. A Memorial Celebration of Life Service will begin at 10 a.m., Monday, February 10, 2025 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ with inurnment following at Riverside Cemetery. Cecil's service may also be viewed online at www.feigumfh.com.

Byron Cecil Bassett, son of Floyd and Garnett (Bevier) Bassett, was born January 28, 1936, in Lyon's Oregon, where he grew up and attended school, graduating from Stayton Union High School in 1954. Following his graduation, Cecil attended the University of Oregon where he received a degree in accounting. He was united in marriage to Judith Norton on September 7, 1957. The couple moved to Salem, Oregon where he began his career at the Federal Highway Administration. Cecil and Judy had three children: David, Mark and Marianne. In 1968 the family moved to Pierre, SD, where he continued his career working for the Federal Highway Administration for the next 35 years until his retirement in 1991. Following his retirement, Judy's teaching career took them to Madison, Wisconsin for a short time before returning to Fort Pierre, SD to be closer to their family. The couple later moved to Rapid City where they continued to live until Judy passed away in 2020. Cecil once

more returned to Pierre to be closer to family until the time of his passing.

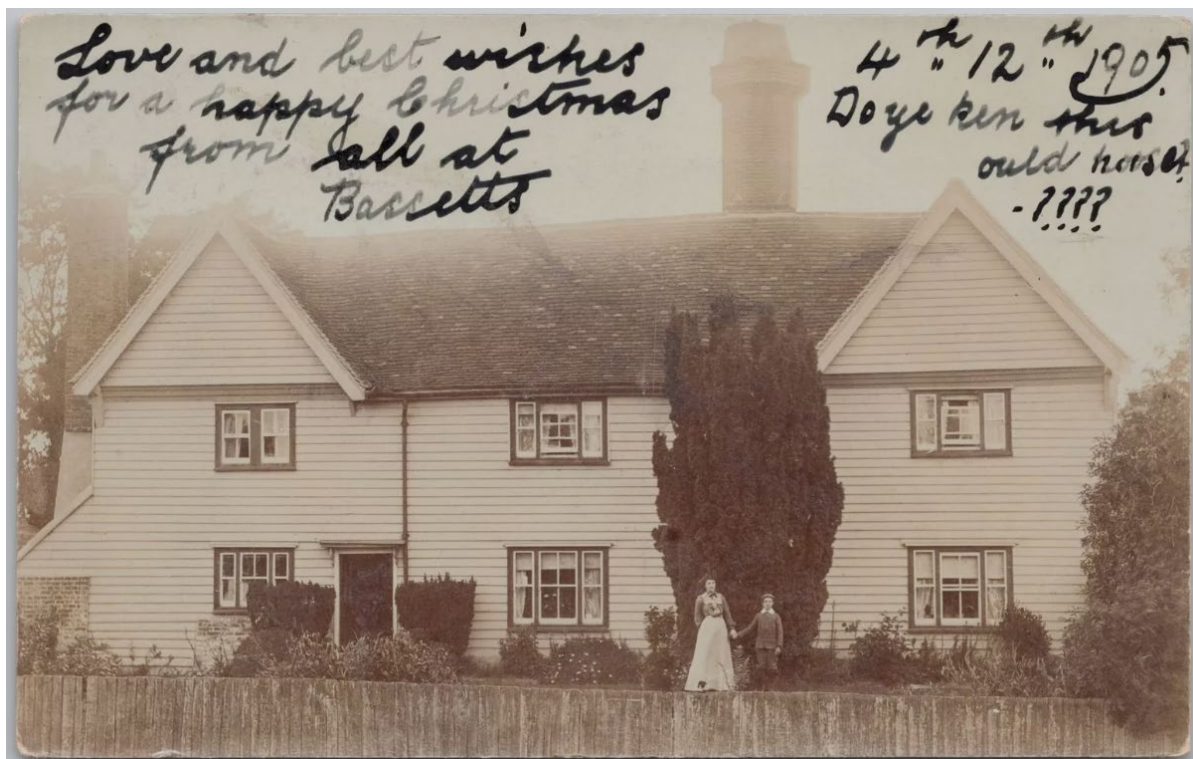
Cecil was a very talented musician who played the piano, organ and accordion. He enjoyed arts and crafts including latch hook and needlepoint and put together many jig saw puzzles. Together with Judy, they enjoyed square dancing, camping and traveling. They took trips to Japan, Germany, Newfoundland, Mexico, Hawaii and all over the continental United States. They also enjoyed 20 years wintering in Texas.

He is survived by three children: David (Melinda) Bassett of Corpus Christi, TX, Mark (Ruth Sweeten) Bassett of Bremerton, WA and Marianne (Mike) Gabriel of Pierre, SD; five grandchildren: Alexander and Abigail Bassett of Corpus Christi, TX, Brooke (Dane) Christensen of Starbuck, MN, Carlee (Tony) Wika of Ipswich, SD, and Katie Sanders of Sioux Falls, SD; two great-grandchildren: Liv Christensen and Connor Wika; sister-in-law: Ursula Bassett of Wenatchee, WA; nieces: Nancy (Ron) Graham of Woodland, WA and Debbie (Kevin) Healy of Portland, OR; and nephews: Jerry (Rebecca) Bassett of Wenatchee, WA and Francis (Cindy) Bassett of Florence, AZ. He was preceded in death by his wife: Judy Bassett; brother: Dale Bassett; brother-in-law: Sterling (Dorothy) Norton; his parents and his grandparents.

In lieu of flower, memorials may be directed to First Congregational United Church of Christ. Condolences may be conveyed to the family at www.feigumfh.com.

Section 5 – Featured Bassett: Unidentified Bassett home in Essex, England

Does any recognize this home?



For sale on Ebay and identified as "Bassett Family home in Ingatestone, Essex, England"

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Section 6 – Featured Bassett: Death of William Kay Bassett (2025)

William Kay Bassett descends from #12B Oliver Bassett as follows:

Oliver Bassett and wife Betsey
Elias Bassett (b. 1800) and wife Matilda Salter
Charles Henry Bassett (b. 1828) and wife Mary Elizabeth Wright
William Henry Bassett (b. 1858) and wife Marette Cook
Harry Freeman Bassett (b. 1882) and wife Matilda May Gardner
William Kay Bassett (b. 1926)



Larkin Sunset Gardens
William Kay Bassett
1926 - 2025

William Kay Bassett (Bill), age 98, died of natural causes on February 6, 2025, surrounded by his family. He was born in 1926 to Harry Freeman Bassett and Matilda Mae Gardner Bassett and was the youngest of 8 children. Bill was a member of the Greatest Generation, enlisting in the Navy at 17 years of age, eager to serve our country during WWII. Bill spent 4 years in

the Navy, excelling as a radio operator in the South Pacific Fleet under Admiral Halsey. He later served another 6 years in the Army as an officer. His tenure in the Armed Forces spanned both WWII and the Korean War, and he left the military honorably, exiting with the rank of Army Captain. After marrying Helen - the love of his life - Bill was motivated to succeed and aggressively took on the business world. He worked for Lever Brothers on Park Avenue in New York City, for RJ Reynolds Foods in New York and North Carolina, and later as "Vice President for International Markets" at Continental Baking, where he introduced Wonder Bread into Russia, and opened a Twinkie factory in Japan! During his career Bill and Helen moved 14 times, often the result of promotions. He traveled to almost every country in the world for business and pleasure, and lived in Germany with his family twice. Bill had a zest for life and taught us how to have fun! He loved to ski and as a member of the "Wild Old Bunch" at Alta, skied into his 90th year. He took great pride that he skied free at Alta after reaching 80 years of age. Golf was Bill's other great passion, where he whittled his handicap to +8. He always said a perfect day during a Utah spring was to ski in the morning and golf in the afternoon! He and Helen loved to dance and danced at all of their grandchildren's weddings. At 86, he jumped out of an airplane, just because he could.

A lifelong member of the LDS church, Bill and Helen were sealed with their 4 children in the Logan Temple. He served in several capacities in the church, but his favorite was fulfilling a service mission along with Helen, guiding tours at the LDS Conference center in Salt Lake City. Bill's most lasting and finest accomplishment, though, was the example he set for his family. Full of integrity, compassion, love, and kindness, he instilled these values into 4 children, 14 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren who adore him, and who all try to emulate his example. Most of all, his children honor him for the tender and loving way he always treated our mother.

"The greatest thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother." (Theodore Hesburgh)

Preceded in death by his wife of 73 years, Helen; and his precious great-granddaughter Audra Sadler.

Survived by Daughter Kathleen (Lee) Sadler, So. Jordan, UT; Son Robert W. (Joanne) Bassett, San Ramon, CA; Daughter Kristen (Tim) Micklos, SLC, UT; Son John C. (Lisa) Bassett, Milford, CT., 14 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren, (and counting!)

A viewing will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 6-8 pm at Larkin Sunset Gardens (1950 E. Dimple Dell Rd (10600 S), Sandy, UT.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Feb. 13 at 11:00 am, at Sagewood at Daybreak (11289 Oakmond Rd., So. Jordan, Utah- Summit Room).

To watch the service via zoom, please click on the blue tab above that says "Watch Service" or follow this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82299072259>.

Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Death of Roland Louis Bassett (2025)

Roland Louis Bassett descends from #3B Thomas Bassett of Connecticut as follows:

Thomas Bassett (b. 1598) and wife Joanne Beardsley
Thomas Bassett (b. 1650) and wife Sarah Baldwin
Thomas Bassett (b. 1699) and wife Sarah Pearson
Henry Bassett (b. 1744) and wife Mary Percy
David Bassett (b. 1778) and wife Lucinda Coggsell
Cyrus N. Bassett (b. 1832) and wife Margaret L. Kerr
Roland Cyrus Bassett (b. 1879) and wife Ruth Velma Bryson
Cecil Emerson Bassett (b. 1904) and wife Opal Alvina Baltz
Roland Louis Bassett 9b. 1938)

The Daily News, Galveston County, Texas, Tuesday, 14 January 2025
Roland Louis Bassett

GALVESTON, TX — Roland Louis Bassett, exemplary husband, father and grandfather, passed away at UTMB in Galveston on January 7, 2025. Roland was born December 6, 1938, to parents Cecil Emerson Bassett and Opal Alvina Baltz in Council Grove, Kansas and lived in Mexico, Nebraska and Louisiana before choosing Galveston as his home.

Roland graduated from University High in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.

He said the best thing that ever happened to him was meeting and marrying his wife, Adrienne. They met while he was at Tulane Law School in New Orleans and eloped to Baton Rouge in 1962. Last year, they celebrated 62 years of marriage.

In 1964, the pair moved to Galveston where Roland practiced law for more than 60 years. He was an active civic servant and considered it a privilege to serve his community.

A lawyer by trade, Roland left an indelible mark on the island through his work, assisting many with legal incorporation and the formation of many charities.

A Galveston College Regent, he helped establish its Universal Access scholarship program which has benefited thousands of young Galvestonians with tuition support.

Roland chose Moody Methodist Church as his place of worship. He devoted his time and talent to being active in Church affairs and serving on several of its Boards and Committees. He was a founding member and Trustee of the Permanent Endowment Fund of Moody Methodist Church and Chairman of its Asset Management Committee. The fund serves non-profits whose focus areas include education, religious mission and ministry, health and wellness and crisis support services.

For more than 40 years, Roland devoted himself to the Rosenberg Library. There, he was President for 15 years, and later became Treasurer. A devoted Rotarian, he served as the Galveston Rotary Club's Director and as a member of its foundation. He was elected as a Galveston City Council member and to the Galveston College Board. He served as Chairman of the Galveston Wharves

Board. He also served on other boards including the Galveston Symphony, Galveston Housing Authority, Salvation Army of Galveston, Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Galveston.

In the 1990s, Roland and Adrienne lived in Albania volunteering with the American Bar Association's Central & East European Law Initiative. There Roland assisted the new Albanian government in writing commercial laws following the collapse of the worst form of Communism ever devised.

Roland is predeceased by his parents and his brother Cecil. He is survived by his wife Adrienne and their three boys Roland, Jr. and wife Michele, Mark and wife Mary Beth, Keith and wife Genette, and six grandchildren Bryson, Grace, Jordan, Anna, Alex and Allison. He is survived by a nephew, Dr. Cecil Bassett III. He is also survived by his brother-in-law Dr. Donald Strain and his children Sherri, Gregory, Susan, Cathy and Michael.

The family is forever grateful to the caregivers at UTMB Jennie Sealy, the P.A.M. Rehabilitation Hospital, All Care Home Health and Right at Home for their love and kindness.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 17, 2025 at J. Levy & Termini Funeral Home, 2128 Broadway in Galveston from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, January 18, 2025 at Moody Methodist Church 2803 53rd Street, at 2 p.m.

The family requests that any donations in lieu of flowers go to the Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy Street, Galveston, Texas 77550 or to the Galveston Rotary Club Foundation, P.O. Box 810, Galveston, Texas 77553.

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

#106B The family of Thomas Lovell Bassett from Ireland and Erie County, Pennsylvania has been added to the database.

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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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