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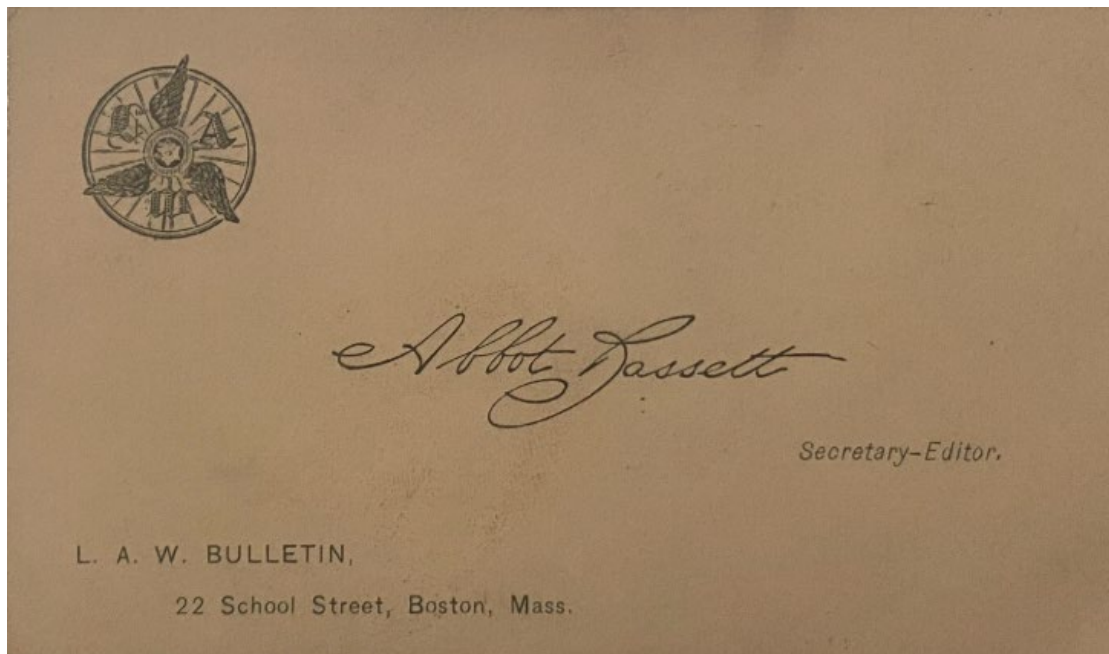
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[Section 1 - Welcome](#)

As I close in on retirement at Packaging Corporation of America after 36 years, I will begin to transition over from using my jbassett@packagingcorp.com email and will soon be using only my bassettgenealogy@gmail.com.

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 216,941



Section 2 - Featured Bassett: Death of William Charles Bassett of Connecticut (d. 2025)

William Charles 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
Samuel Bassett (b. 1692) and wife Deborah Bennett
Samuel Bassett (b. 1719) and wife Sarah Botsford
David Bassett (b. 1749) and wife Mable Tomlinson
Asa Bassett (b. 1784) and wife Lucy Bull
Henry Wade Bassett (b. 1838) and wife Julia Caroline French
Henry Wade Bassett Jr. (b. 1885) and wife Charlotte Mary Pittis
William Edwin Bassett (b. 1914) and wife Doris Hilda Morley
William Charles Bassett



Connecticut Post, Bridgeport, Connecticut, Wednesday, 24 September 2025
William C. Bassett
March 23, 1944 - September 20, 2025

William (Bill) Charles Bassett, 81, of Southbury CT, passed away with beloved family by his side on September 20, 2025, due to complications from pancreatic cancer.

Bill was born in New Haven on March 23, 1944, the son of the late William and Doris (Morley) Bassett. He grew up in Woodbridge, CT. After graduating from Amity High School, he left home to attend Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, OH. During his sophomore year, he met the love of his life, Judy Prasse. They were married soon after graduation in 1966. Bill received his MBA at Washington University in St. Louis in 1968 and then he and Judy moved to Southbury, CT where he lived for over 57 years.

Bill worked at The W.E. Bassett Company for his entire career. The business was started by his father and then run by his uncle, Harry Bassett, until Bill was ready to take over in 1981. Bill served as President and CEO starting in 1981 and later served as Chairman of the Board until the company was sold in 2011. He was extremely proud of the millions of nail clippers, tweezers, and other personal care products that were produced and distributed around the world under the TRIM brand and various private label brands.

Bill was a great leader, strategic thinker, and master delegator. When asked what he most loved about his years at The Bassett Company, he always responded "the people." He took the time to walk the floor of both plants, tried to remember as many names as possible, and stopped to ask about their

families and personal lives. More than anything, Bill wanted to continue Harry's legacy of the Company serving as a steward in the Lower Naugatuck Valley by providing for families and charitable organizations throughout the community.

Bill was also an effective leader outside of the office, bringing those talents to both for-profit and non-profit organizations. He was a member of many non-profit boards over the years, serving as chair on several of them. Most notable was his long-standing board tenure as Chair of The Birmingham Group, now BHcare, and was a founding member of the Valley Community Foundation, of which he was extremely proud. He was an active supporter of many community organizations including BHcare, TEAM Inc., the Boys and Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley, Spooner House, the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Valley United Way, Griffin Hospital, the Boy Scouts & the Girl Scouts, Junior Achievement, Oak Cliff Cemetery Association, and Merrymeeting Lake Association. Bill also supported the private sector and was a board member with the Southbury Zoning Commission, Great Country Bank, Woodbury Telephone SNET, and Latex Foam International. He thoroughly enjoyed collaborating and networking through his TEC/Vistage Groups, MAC Casualty, and the Summit Group of ad specialty professionals.

Over the years, Bill received many awards and honors in recognition of his service to the community. These awards included the Champion of Youth Award by the Boys and Girls Club, the Charles H. Flynn Humanitarian Award by the Valley United Way, both the Gold and Platinum Seal Awards by the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement Hall of Fame, and was recognized by Connecticut's National Philanthropy Day Hall of Fame.

Bill was an active member of his church, UCC Southbury, and loved being referred to as one of the "church elders." He led by example on multiple committees and was ever-present for a long list of events and church-related activities. He was especially active on Buildings & Grounds, ad-hoc committees, and previously served as Chair of Church Council.

In addition to Southbury, Bill loved the time he and Judy were able to spend at their New Hampshire lake house, as well as their winters spent in Florida. The lake holds special memories of time spent with their kids and grandkids. This included "Camp Bassett", when the grandchildren would visit alone for a week. He also helped organize amazing lobster boils every Labor Day for friends and neighbors on the lake. Together, Bill and Judy were blessed to be able to travel, taking many trips and cruises all over the world with special friends over the years.

Bill is survived by his three children, Lynne (Craig) Perry of Southbury, Betsy (Anthony) DePaolo of Cheshire and Bill Bassett of Easton. He adored his seven grandchildren - Lauren and Christopher Perry; Ali and AJ DePaolo; Will, Maeve and Charlie Bassett. He is also survived by his brother David Bassett, brother-in-law Donny Bradford, sisters-in-law Jane Taft and Beth (Rich) Seeley and daughter-in-law Julia Bassett. He also leaves many cousins, nieces, and nephews. In addition to his wife and parents, he was predeceased by his brother Richard Bassett, in-laws Herb and Betty Prasse, and in-laws Herb Jr. and Ellen Prasse.

The family offers special thanks to the healthcare providers at Pomperaug Woods, Yale New Haven Hospital and Smilow Cancer Hospital.

Family and friends are invited to attend calling hours on Wednesday, October 1st from 4:00pm-7:00pm at Munson-Lovetere Funeral Home in Southbury (235 Main Street North). A Celebration of Life will be held at United Church of Christ, Southbury (283 Main Street North) on October 2nd at 11:00am. A private service will be held at the Memorial Wall (columbarium) at United Church of Christ, Southbury at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are by Munson-Lovetere Funeral Home: www.munsonlovetererefuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Valley

Foundation Fund at the Valley Community Foundation. This fund was initially established by Harry Bassett over 40 years ago to support community and leadership-building initiatives. Donations can be mailed to the Valley Community Foundation at 253-A Elizabeth Street, Derby CT 06418 (please note Bill Bassett in memo) or via online link: www.valleyfoundation.org.

[Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Thomas Bradford Bassett Mining Find](#)

Thomas Bradford Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth 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
John Bassett (b. 1770) and wife Clarissa Kellogg
Samuel Kellogg Bassett (b. 1804) and wife Jane Augusta Bradford
Owen Abbott Bassett (b. 1834) and wife Josephine Eliza Butland
Thomas Bradford Bassett

An earlier account of T.B. Bassett is found January 2013 Bassett newsletter. You can read that article at the following link.

[Bassett Family Association Newsletter](#)

San Francisco Call, California, 4 October 1898
Millionaire In A Moment

It falls to the lot of but few men to make the discovery that they are standing on a mine of fabulous value. His good fortune has recently befall Mr. T.C. Bassett, a mining expert, whose keen eye and a stroke of luck converted him in a moment from a poor man to be master of millions. Mr. Bassett, who is attached as expert to a mining corporation in South America, was on a short visit to relatives California, when it occurred to him that he might utilized some of his time prospecting for gold.

His wanderings took him in the direction of the famous Death Valley, where one day he mounted a small, cone-shaped hill in order to get a better view of the surrounding country. He was about to descend the hill, to continue his tramp, when a patch of blue at his feet arresting his attention. Bassett's trained eye recognized in the blue patch the "blue float" which is sure indication of the presence of turquoise in the soil. He lost no time in locating a claim, and was soon hard at work with pick and shovel. His most sanguine expectations were more than realized, for at the depth of six feet he found the "boxite vein," which was thickly studded with beautiful stones. The deeper he dug the more magnificent were the gems, and withing a fortnight he was able to return to San Francisco with no less than seventy pounds of the most brilliant and flawless turquoise that have ever been discovered.
London Tit-Bits

ANGELENO MINING ENGINEER IS DEAD

Thomas Bradford Bassett, well known Los Angeles mining man, left Saturday for Utah to investigate several mines.

Today friends received a telegram giving meager details of his sudden death Sunday evening at Delta, Utah.

It is thought Mr. Bassett died of heart failure. The body is being sent to Los Angeles, where funeral arrangements will be made.

Mr. Bassett was about 48 years old. He is survived by a widow.

He was a mining engineer and connected with the Merger Mining Co. of Los Angeles, and the Mid-West Security Co. of New York.

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Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Marriage of Gerald O'Neil Bassett of Bermuda

There are a large group of Bassetts in Bermuda, but I don't have them tied together yet. Here is a notice from a 1964 newspaper.

**THE MARRIAGE ACT,
1944.**

**Notice of Intended
Marriage.**

The persons named and described hereunder have given notice to me of their intended marriage, namely:—

GERALD O'NEIL BASSETT,
of **Southampton Parish**
(Divorced) and
GWENDOLYN JUNE MAR-
CELLE FRANKLIN, of
Southampton Parish (Spin-
ster.

Any person knowing any just cause or impediment why this marriage should not be allowed should enter caveat forthwith in the office of the Registrar General.

Dated 19th day of October, 1964

W. T. Angelo-Thomson,
Registrar General.

The Royal Gazette, Bermuda, Thursday, 22 October 1964

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Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Louisa Bassett and her house fire, Golden Square, Bendigo, Australia

John Bassett descends from #514B John Bassett of Chudleigh, Devonshire, England as follows:

John Bassett and wife Sarah Martin
John Bassett (b. 1748) and wife Mary Shave
Robert Shave Bassett (b. 1781) and wife Mary
John Bassett (b. 1815) and Elizabeth Causley
John Bassett (b. 1836) and wife Louisa Stephenson

Louisa Bassett from the article is the widow of John Bassett.

The Bendigo Independent, Victoria, Australia, Tuesday, 19 March 1901
Another Fire at Golden Square

About 8 o'clock last night a fire completely destroyed a six-roomed weatherboard house, together with the whole of its furniture, at Bullock Creek road, Golden Square, near the Great Britain mine. The building, which had a dado lining, with canvas and paper throughout, was the home and property of Mrs. Louisa Bassett, and there lived with her her three sons and a daughter. Last evening the daughter, a young woman, was suffering with a face ache, and to get some "pain-killer" she took a lighted candle from the kitchen into a bedroom, about the centre of the house. She put the candle on a washstand underneath an open window. Finding the "pain killer," she next searched in the drawer of a dressing table for some wadding. Being unable to find any she went back again to the kitchen, leaving the candle still on the washstand. She put some "pain killer" on her face. Returning for the candle, she discovered the room a mass of flames. She raised an alarm, and she and her mother were too overcome with shock to do anything beyond making a hasty exit from the building. The building was old, there was a strong breeze blowing, and it burnt like kindling wood. The flames quickly burst through the roof, and word was telephoned to the Golden Square Brigade by the watchman on the Bendigo look-out tower. The Kangaroo Flat Brigade also were apprised of the fire, and both brigades were quick in getting to the place. Two jets of water were played upon the now ruined building and on a stable and buggy shed at the rear. In the shed were a buggy, a dog cart and three bicycles, but they were all removed before the fire reached them. The fire, no doubt, was caused through the wind blowing the window curtain against the lighted candle. Included in the furniture, which as said before, was all destroyed, was a new piano valued at £60. The house and stable were insured for £60, and the furniture for £150 in the Commercial Union Company. The insurance, however, will not cover the loss. A still more unlucky feature of the fire was that £25 in bank notes were also burnt with the house. Mrs. Bassett yesterday gave on one of her sons that amount to buy some mining scrip, and he had it locked in a box in his room. He was away attending a class at the School of Mines at the time of the fire.

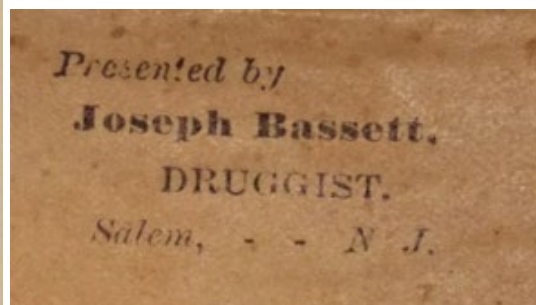
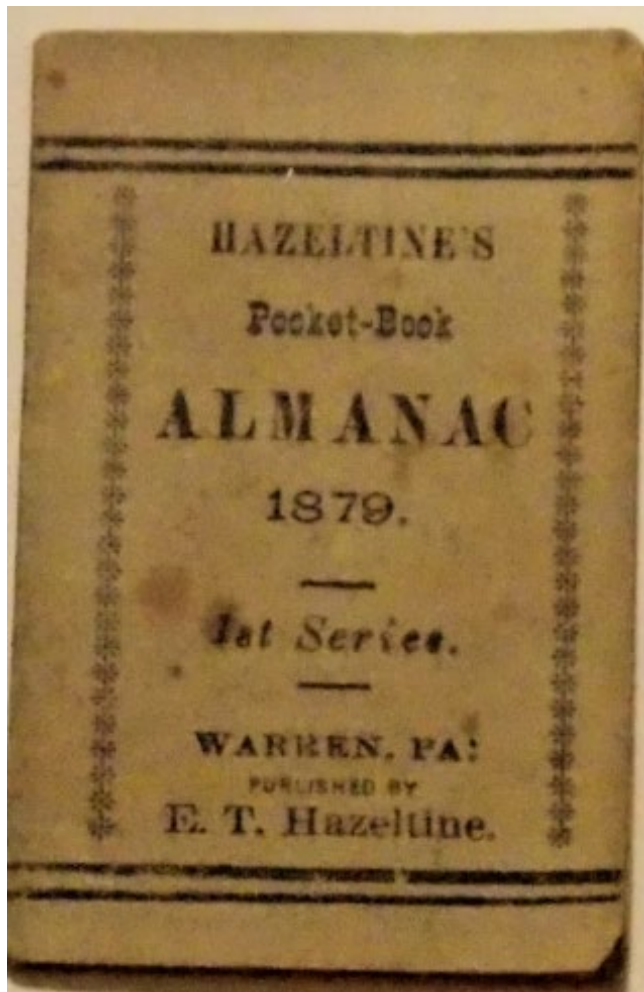
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Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Druggist Joseph Bassett of Salem, New Jersey

Joseph Hazelton 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
Elisha Bassett (b. 1692) and wife Abigail Davis
Elisha Bassett (b. 1722) and wife Mary Woodnutt
Joseph Bassett (b. 1765) and wife Mary Allen
William Bassett (b. 1803) and wife Abigail Hazelton
Joseph Hazelton Bassett (b. 1842) and wife Elizabeth Griscom

Almanac recently for sale on Ebay.



The Penn's Grove Record, Penns Grove, New Jersey, Saturday 10 August 1889

Joseph Bassett, a druggist in Salem, reputed to be well off, has made an assignment.

The Penn's Grove Record, Penns Grove, New Jersey, Friday, 30 December 1892

Joseph Bassett, for many years a druggist in Salem, died suddenly last Saturday of heart failure. The deceased was about fifty years of age, and served in the army in the Twelfth New Jersey Volunteers.

The Penn's Grove Record, New Jersey, Friday, 24 August 1894

Mrs. Elizabeth Bassett, of Salem, widow of the late Joseph Bassett, has been granted a pension.

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[Section 7 - Featured Bassett: The Brian Bassett Quartet, Walsall, Staffordshire, England](#)

This picture is for sale on Ebay this week. It is identified as coming from Walsall, Staffordshire, England. Can anyone identify this Brian Bassett?



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

474B John Bassett was combined into the 111B. James S. Bassett line of New Jersey and PA..

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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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