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[Section 1 - Welcome](#)

Thanks to a generous donation to the Bassett DNA fund, I have enough money to pay for five more kits for any Bassett line not yet represented in the Bassett DNA study. Let me know if you might be interested in taking part.

Totals number of individuals loaded into the Bassett website: 218,299



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Section 2 - Featured Bassett: George Thompson Bassett Lumber Yard and death (1893)

George Thompson 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 Huckens
Samuel Bassett (b. 1693) and wife Martha Pease
Cornelius Bassett (b. 1722) and wife Lydia Norton
Ebenezer Bassett (b. 1751) and wife Abigail Adams
Cornelius Bassett (b. 1788) and wife Elizabeth Cushing
George Thompson Bassett (b. 1837) and wife Lucretia Lockwood

The Memphis Commercial, Tennessee, Wednesday, 5 July 1893
George T. Bassett

Mr. George T. Bassett, an old citizen of Memphis, left home (in Chelsea) on Monday morning and has not since been seen or heard from. He is about 58 years old, about 5 ½ feet high, heavy mustache and whiskers, dressed in gray clothes and spring overcoat, and derby hat. He left driving a buggy, with bay horse.

He has been sick for some time, and his family fear that he had been foully dealt with, or that he may be suffering from temporary aberration of mind.

Any information of him will be thankfully received by his wife, 123 Fifth street, Chelsea and any proper attention to him rewarded.

Mr. Bassett is a Mason and a Knight Templar, and when he left he wore a Knight Templar war charm. Any one knowing anything of the whereabouts please wire the undersigned or the chief of police at Memphis.

Mrs. Bassett, 123 Fifth Street.

The Memphis Commercial, Tennessee, Thursday, 6 July 1893
Solved Only In Death
Was the Mystery of Mr. George T. Bassett's Disappearance
His Dead Body Found South of the City Last Night
With His Horse and Buggy Beside It.

Solved in death is the mystery disappearance of Mr. George T. Bassett. His dead body was found at Frayzer's farm, known as Magnolia farm, about twelve miles south of the city, on the Horn Lake road, last night about 6 o'clock.

On Monday morning Mr. Bassett left his home, 123 Fifth street, Chelsea, in his buggy and was seen no more in life. He had been ill for a month and his family feared he had driven aimlessly away while suffering from a temporary aberration of intellect, or that perhaps he had been waylaid, robbed and foully dealt with, as he had \$50 or \$60 on his person.

The former theory is apparently the correct one. Where the unfortunate gentleman spent all of Monday, Tuesday, and yesterday is not known, nor how long the body had lain before it was found, but it is probable that it could have escaped observation many hours, since his horse and buggy stood close to the corpse.

The body lay in an old field under a bush. There had been no violence,

and the position and the surroundings indicated that the deceased had lain down to rest in the shade, when the summons came. His coat was found hanging on the fence, the body was lying on its back, with a handkerchief on the breast, and death had apparently come painlessly while he slept.

The strange feature of the affair is that the deceased should have remained undiscovered for three days in such close proximity to the city in a fairly well settled section, and when his disappearance had been so widely advertised. He probably stayed in the woods, or in little frequented lanes, and what the privation and exposure to the weather he suffered may never be known.


The news did not reach the city until 2:45 o'clock this morning. The reason of this long delay was that the man who found the remains walked all the way to the city, to the corner of Main and Iowa avenue, from which place he telephoned to the police station. Capt. Hackett on receipt of the news, at once procured a buggy, and carried the sad news to the bereaved family.

Mr. Bassett was an old and esteemed citizen of Memphis. For many years he was in the lumber business, having been a member of the firm of Moore & Bassett, Bassett & Clagg, Williams & Co, and other firms. He leaves a widow and several children to mourn his loss.

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Main St. and 440 and 21 and 234 Mulberry St., Memphis.

The Memphis Commercial, Tennessee, Sunday, 11 June 1893

Section 3 - Featured Bassett: Everett W. Bassett, Jeweler in Jacksonville, Illinois

Everett W. 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 Huckens
Samuel Bassett (b. 1693) and wife Martha Pease
Cornelius Bassett (b. 1722) and wife Lydia Norton
Ebenezer Bassett (b. 1751) and wife Abigail Adams
Francis Bassett (b. 1793) and wife Mary Cushing
Stephen James Bassett (b. 1822) and wife Victoria Red
Everett W. Bassett (b. 1856) and wife Mary Vorce Danielson

TIME IS MONEY.

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E. W. BASSETT!

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Polo, Ills., 1880.

E. W. BASSETT.

Jacksonville Journal Courier, Illinois, Friday, 13 November 1936

E.W. Bassett Is Taken By Death At His Home Here

Well Known Jacksonville Business Man Passes Away Thursday

Everett W. Bassett, who for fifty years has held a place of esteem in the civic and business life of Jacksonville, passed away last night at 7:30 o'clock at his home, 831 West College avenue. He was eighty years of age, born in 1856 at Polo, Illinois.

For the past thirty-three years, the firm, E.W. Bassett Jewelers, has occupied the same location on the south side of the square. Associated with him was his son, E. Vorce Bassett, who is carrying on the business. The elder Mr. Bassett is revered for his kindly and tolerant nature. He was actively interested in affairs of the state and nation.

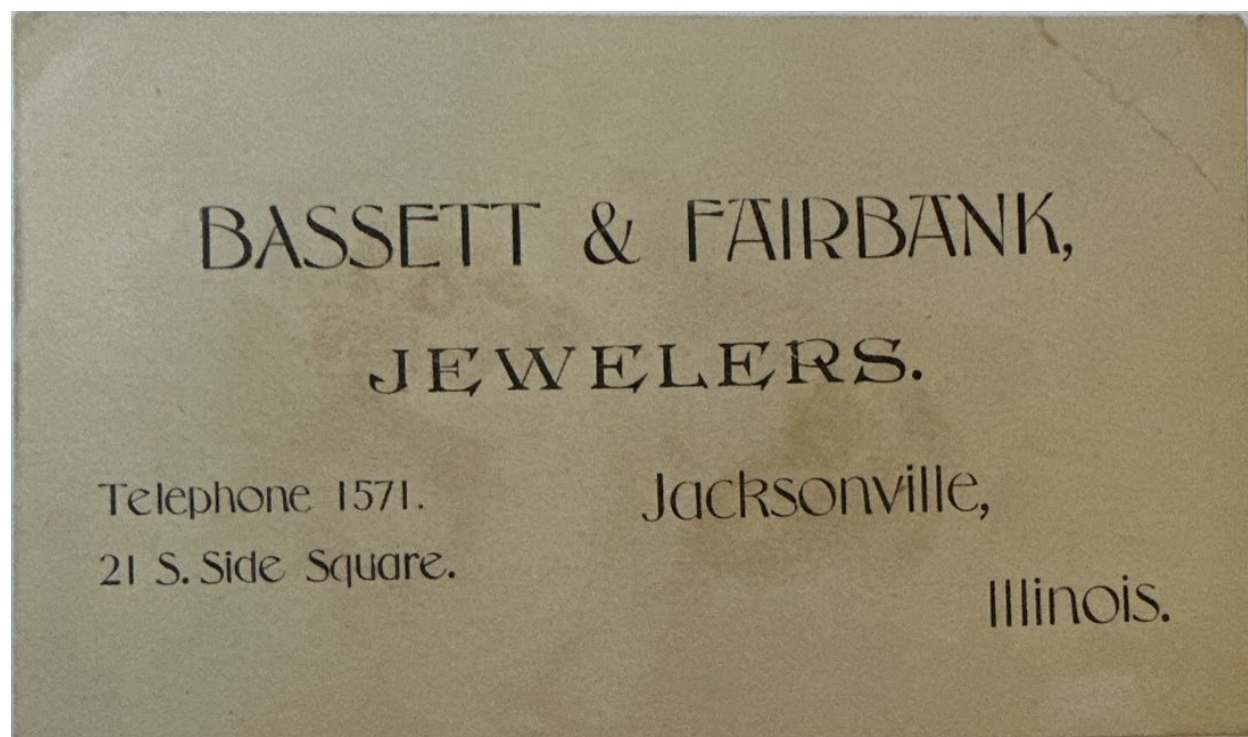
Mrs. Bassett, who before her marriage, was Mary V. Danielson, passed away in January of this year.

Survivors, in addition to Vorce Bassett, the only child, include one brother, Frederick Bassett, of Glendale, California, and a sister, Mrs. Jeanette B. Ault, of New Rochelle, New York. Two brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Mr. Bassett was the eldest child of Stephen and Victoria Reed Bassett, descending directly from an old Massachusetts family.

He was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientists of this city. Services will be held at the home of his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Vorce Bassett, 711 West College avenue. Other arrangements are incomplete.

The remains were taken to the Gilliam Funeral Home.



Bassett & Fairbank Business Card, Jacksonville, Illinois

Jacksonville Journal Courier, Illinois, Sunday, 31 July 1955

Bassett Jewelry Store Ends Long Business Career

With the close of business Saturday evening, the Bassett jewelry store, 21 South Side Square, retired after many years of service to the buying public. The time-honored firm had been part of the Jacksonville business scene since the nineties.

The business first operation as Bassett & Fairbank, having been founded by E.W. Bassett and Edward Fairbank, well known among the earlier merchants of the city.

E. Vorce Bassett joined his father in the business more than 30 years ago, and continued it until Saturday night.,

Mr. Bassett will retire from active business, having conducted a retirement sale for the last several weeks. He expects to dispose of the building at a later date.

Section 4 - Featured Bassett: Death of Richard Haley Bassett (2026)

Richard Haley Bassett descends from William Bassett of Plymouth, Massachusetts as follows:

William Bassett and wife Elizabeth
Joseph Bassett (b. 1635) and wife Mary Latham
William Bassett (b. 1667) and wife Mary Bumpus
Benjamin Bassett (b. 1712) and wife Hannah Macomber
Benjamin Bassett (b. 1742) and wife Mercy Crossman
Simeon Bassett (b. 1770) and wife Abigail Huse
Caleb Strong Bassett (b. 1807) and wife Lydia Minverva Hitchcock
Henry Lyman Bassett (b. 1833) and wife Lydia Martin Jones
Thaddeus Stevens Bassett (b. 1868) and wife Emma Odessa Naumann
Henry Naumann Bassett (b. 1906) and wife Sarah Garland
Richard Haley Bassett (b. 1947)

Pierce Funeral Homes
LTC Richard Haley Bassett (Ret)
September 13, 1947 - February 6, 2026

LTC Richard Haley Bassett (Ret.), 78, passed away on February 6, 2026, in Fairfax, Virginia, surrounded by his wife and two daughters.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Catherine Clodagh Dempsey Bassett; daughters Catherine (Robert Andrew Holden Jr) and Sarah (Michael Barretta); and seven grandchildren: Joseph, Isabella, Daniel, Grayson, Lucilia, Benjamin, and Emilia. Richard is also survived by his sister, Sarah (Sally) Walker. Richard is preceded in death by his parents Henry Naumann and Sarah Fulton Bassett, and his brother David.

Richard was born on September 13, 1947, in Washington, DC, before moving to Chatham, New Jersey, as a child. He graduated from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, with a degree in history, and later earned a Master of Science in human resource management from Pepperdine University. He was commissioned as an officer in the US Army in 1969. Richard met his Irish-born wife, Clodagh, in Stuttgart, Germany, on his first overseas tour. When the Army sent Richard to South Korea on a one-year unaccompanied assignment shortly after they were married, Clodagh followed within months, and they were nearly inseparable afterwards.

Over the course of his 22-year military intelligence career, Richard served several tours in Germany and graduated top of his class from the Military Intelligence Officers Advanced Course at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, followed by the National Cryptologic School, and with top honors from US Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He received numerous awards including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. He medically retired in October 1991, following his diagnosis with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) several years earlier.

Richard was passionate about genealogy. While stationed in Europe, he conducted field research for a family history book he co-authored with his father, scouring church records and becoming proficient at transcribing old German script. After retirement he volunteered at the Family History Center in Annandale, Virginia, assisting patrons with their genealogical research.

MS is a cruel disease, and while its progress was slow over decades, it eventually deprived Richard of his ability to walk and made it difficult to read, which was particularly painful for a man who loved perusing the newspaper and playing Sudoku. He persevered and took joy from boisterous family gatherings and spending time with many life-long friends made across the course of his career.

A memorial service will be held on March 14, 2026, at 2pm at Fairfax Presbyterian Church. A funeral at Arlington National Cemetery will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

[Section 5 - Featured Bassett: Death of Thomas Lovell Bassett in Pennsylvania \(1893\)](#)

Thomas Lovell Bassett is from the #106B Bassett of Ireland family.

We get new details about Thomas Lovell Bassett from his obituary from 1893. I now have a brother and sister identified as seen below. We also know when he arrived in the United States so we may be able to find the ship he arrived on and the maiden name of his wife.

FIRST GENERATION

106B. Father of Thomas Lovell Bassett and Jonathan Basset

106B1. Elizabeth Bassett - born 1806 in Ireland. She died 25 Feb 1873 in Pennsylvania. She married Richard Francis Gaggin in 1828 in County Cork, Ireland. He was born in 1803. He died 1 May 1883. They are both buried in Erie Cemetery, Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania. They had Richard Francis Gaggin, born 1832, died 1910. They arrived in the Philadelphia in 1840. Her surname is listed as Basset in the County Cork marriage registry.

+ 106B1. Thomas Lovell Bassett - born 1817 in Ireland. He died 6 Mar 1893 in Pennsylvania. He married Elizabeth Mary. She was born in 1815. She died 18 Feb 1898 in Pennsylvania. They are both buried in Erie Cemetery, Erie, Eric County, Pennsylvania.

106B2. Jonathan Bassett - born about 1825 in Ireland.

The Erie Daily Times, Pennsylvania, Wednesday, 8 March 1893
Obituary - Thomas Bassett

Tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock the remains of the late Thomas Bassett will be laid at rest in the Erie cemetery. Deceased came to this city from Ireland in 1850, where he was born in 1815. He and his affianced came to this country on the same vessel and were married in New York. They came to Erie shortly after their marriage and went to housekeeping on West Eighth street for a year, when they moved to West Eleventh street and had lived in the same locality ever since. Mr. Bassett went to work for the firm of Lester, Sennett & Chester, and continued with that enterprise through the changes from Sennett, Barr & Co, to Barr & Johnson, then Johnson, Black & Co., and finally Black & Germer, for a period of forty years, and had charge of the iron pattern fitting department. Mr. Bassett commenced study for the ministry in the Dublin University when quite a young man, but was obliged to quit study on account of ill health. When he came to Erie he became a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church under the rectorship of Rev. Mr. Ambercrombie and had continued a communicant of that church till his death.

He leaves three sons - J.J. Bassett, with the Skinner engine company; William R. Bassett, weighmaster at the P. & E. yards, and Alfred Bassett, on the Chicago board of trade - and a daughter, Miss Lizzie Bassett, of the high school faculty. He also leaves his faithful wife, with whom he had lived so long, happily and prosperously. Mr. Bassett had but one brother in this country and that was John Bassett, a soldier in the late war and over whose remains the nephew, J.J. Bassett, read the Episcopal burial service in the Kane Cemetery a few years ago. The mother of Mr. Richard Gaggin was a sister of the deceased. Deceased was a man of very staunch integrity and he enjoyed the confidence of his neighbors and acquaintances to an unusual degree. The illness which resulted in his death came upon him about seven weeks ago and terminated rather suddenly. His widow and children have the sympathies of every man in the shops of which he was so long an employe, as well as of thousands of others. The Rev. John Huske, of St. Paul's, will officiate at the funeral services at the late residence. The interment will be private.

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[Section 6 - Featured Bassett: Death William Kerr Bassett II \(2026\)](#)

William Kerr Bassett II descends from #8 John Bassett of Hunterdon County, New Jersey as follows:

John Bassett and wife Mary
Amos Bassett (b. 1760) and wife Susan Stout
John Stout Bassett (b. 1791) and wife Louisa Mayo
Elijah Bassett (b. 1813) and wife Mary O'Rear Pearl
Gustavus Adolphus Bassett (b. 1855) and wife Misher Izora
James Payne Bassett (b. 1879) and wife nannie Mary Baker
William Kerr Bassett (b. 1912) and wife Minerva Burk Bone
William Kerr Bassett II

J.C. Kirby and Son Lovers Lane Chapel - Bowling Green - 19 January 2026
William Kerr Bassett II

William Kerr Bassett, II, peacefully left this Earth on January 13, 2026, at the Hospice House of Southern Kentucky in Bowling Green, KY. He was born on October 28, 1944, in Long Beach, California, to William and Minerva Bassett. "Little" Bill was raised in Long Beach, CA, Alexandria, VA, and Bethesda, MD. He attended The Primary Day School in Bethesda, MD and graduated in 1962 from Bethesda Chevy Chase High School in Bethesda, MD. He earned an Associate of Arts Degree from Cumberland University in Lebanon, TN, in 1965, and received a Bachelor of Arts from Sewanee: The University of the South, Sewanee, TN, in 1967. At Sewanee, he was inducted into the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and became an active lifetime member. On June 1, 1968, he married Janice Kyle Bassett of Hartsville, TN. They lived in New Orleans, LA, while Bill attended Tulane University Law School, earning his Juris Doctor of Law in 1970. After graduating, they moved to Atlanta, GA for several years before settling down in Tennessee. Bill passed the Bar Exam in three states (GA, TN, and TX) and had a private Attorney of Law practice in Gallatin, TN, where he and Janice raised their two daughters. Bill was elected multiple times as the Democratic State Executive Committeeman for Tennessee District 18, and he attended multiple National Democratic Conventions. He Loved history (especially anything about the Civil War); keeping politics and current affairs; watching sports; playing trivia with family and friends (which he won frequently); returning to Sewanee for Party Weekends; and attending Tulane Alumni Crawfish Boils. In January 2025, he moved to Charter Senior Living in Bowling Green, KY, where he quickly made friends. He is preceded in death by his parents William Kerr Bassett of Providence, KY and Minerva Bone Bassett of Jacksonville, TX, and younger brother John Bone Bassett. He is survived by two loving daughters- Jennifer (Thomas) Nelson of Portland, TN and Deborah (Christian) Parrish of Bowling Green, KY - a grandson, Kyle Rudzinski of Gallatin, TN, and an aunt, Dr. Mary Alice Bone Adamson of Jacksonville, TX. A memorial service will be held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon on Sunday, January 25, 2026, in the Chapel of Charter Senior Living, 445 Middle Bridge Road West, Bowling Green, KY, 42103, and a 'Celebration of Life' will be held in Gallatin, TN, to be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to the Hospice House of Southern Kentucky (<https://hospicesoky.org>) or another charity of your choice in honor of William Kerr Bassett, II.

Section 7 - Featured Bassett: Francis L. Bassett, Photographer from Augusta, Georgia

Francis L. Bassett descends from #48 Francis Bassett of South Carolina as follows:

Francis Bassett of South Carolina
William Bassett (d. 1810) and wife Mary Phillips
Francis Bassett (b. 1786) and wife Elizabeth
Francis L. Bassett (b. 1839, died 1907)



Francis L. Bassett Photographer of Augusta, Georgia

DEATH MR. F. L. BASSETT OCCURRED THIS MORNING

The death is announced of Mr. F. L. Bassett, which occurred this morning at 9 o'clock at his home at 2067 Broad street.

Mr. Bassett at the time of his death was sixty-seven years old, and was a member of the Confederate Camp, No. 435. He served during the war between the states and was noted among his comrades for his bravery.

He has lived in Augusta for the past forty-four years, and spent a goodly number of them in doing photographic work. He was compelled to give up his work some time ago on account of ill health and his death occurred this morning.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon from the residence, Rev. Mr. Hill, of the Second Presbyterian church, officiating.

The interment will be, in the city cemetery, and he is survived by a wife, but leaves no children.

Find-a-Grave Obituary, Augusta, Georgia, 1907
Francis L. Bassett

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

No new lines added and no lines combined since the last newsletter.

I was contacted by Denis Basset whose family has been in Switzerland for more than 400 years. His ancestor came to Switzerland from France. He will be taking a Y-700 DNA test soon. It will be interesting to see if he matches up with any other Basset/Bassett lines from France or England. More on this Basset line in a future newsletter.

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[Section 9 - DNA project update.](#)

Results for kit #1026679 have been posted. This is for a line descended from #8B John Bassett of New Jersey.

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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